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Labour pardon for war 'cowards'

Anthony Bevins and Steve Boggan

More than 300 British soldiers executed during the First world War for cowardice, desertion and other bat-tlefield offences could be pardoned by the end of the year in a Labour review

John Reid, Minister for the Armed Forces, told The Independent that he was re-examining their cases in the light of strong evidence that many of the men were suffering from mental illness - primarily post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by the horrors of the war.

That view was supported yesterday by the Royal British Legioo which voted unanimously at its annual conference to pardon the soldiers shot for cowardice in the light of current med-



Corporal Peter Goggins: Shot for ardice after escaping an ambush

ical evideoce". A spokesman said last night that the legion now planned to lobby the Government and the Ministry of Defence to pardon the men as

soon as possible. Dr Reid and more than one-third of the new Cabinet voted for the pardon process in the Commons a year ago, when the Conservative government heat off a legislative amendment moved by Andrew Mackinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock.

Mr Mackinlay has now tabled a Commons motion, which is expected to get the support of hundreds of MPs across the House, arguing "that the vast majority of the 307 executed were as patriotic and brave as their million other compatriots who perished in the conflict ... Their missortune was brought about due to stress, or the stress of their accusers, during battle, and that even if the behaviour of a small minority may have fallen below that of the highest standards, then time, compassion and justice dictates that all

these soldiers should now be treated as victims of the conflict." The "Yes, Minister" argument heing put against Mr Mackinlay's plea from withio the Ministry of Defence is that if a blanket pardon were given, some soldiers who were guilty could be included; that a review of First World War courts martial could reopen demands for a review of other courts

martial; and the Salerno Mutiny was cited as the next campaign to come.

But Mr Mackinlay told The Inde-

vendent vester by that the extenses denominator for the victims of the Great War was that they were all denied the rules of natural justice.

"None of them had an opportunity to prepare a defence, some of them were not legally represented, but the representation in many cases was limited, and none of them was given an opportunity to appeal against sen-tence of death. That is the justification for a blanket pardon."

Documents suppressed for 75 years reveal heart-rending cases, many involving soldiers as young as 19, being executed after cursory coorts martial, often lasting just 20 minutes. One 19year-old who complained of "feeling queer" on his way to the front, went missing for less than 20 hours before being found asleep in a barn. He was shot three weeks later.

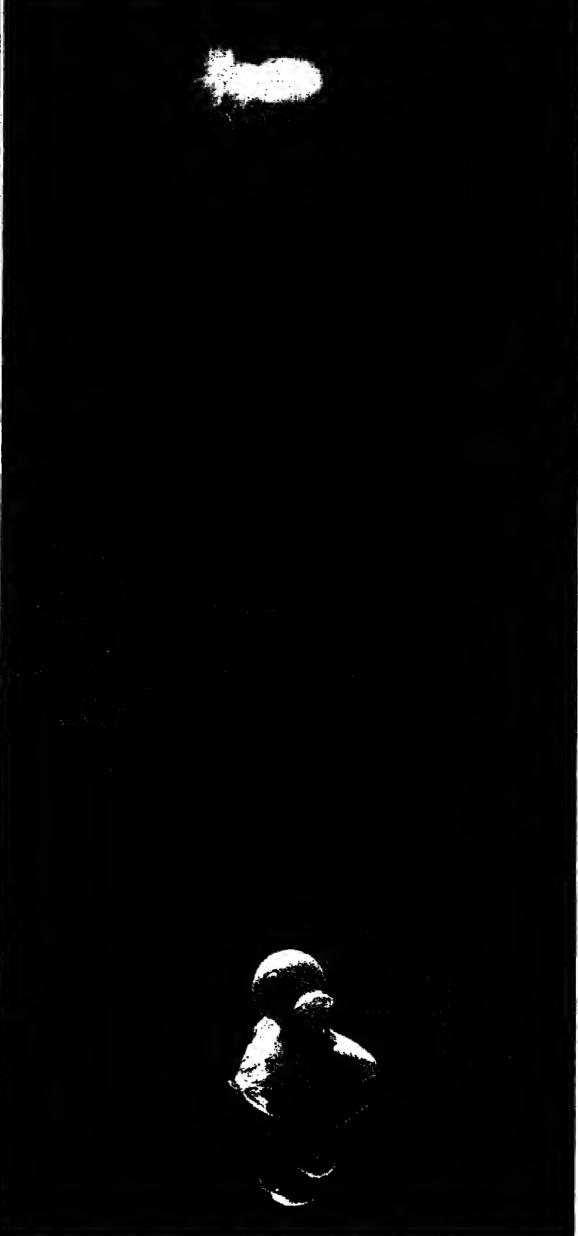
One 26-year-old was executed for cowardice despite having spent five months in hospital recovering from shell-shock. The records of many appear to show that men who deserted ere simply wandering around in terrible states of confusion. They also reveal tragedies such as that of Sgt Joe Stones who, caught in a German ambush while on patrol, wedged his nonfunctioning rifle across a narrow trench to slow down the pursuers; he was shot at dawn for "casting away his arms". Corporals John McDonald and Peter Goggius, enabled to escape by Sgt. Stones' action, were later charged with quitting their posts.

Mr Mackinlay said the Salerno Mutiny argument was a red herring, as no pardon was being sought for mutineers, and none of the mutineers was actually executed.

Wheo he moved an amendment to the Armed Forces Bill on 9 May 1996, opening the way for a pardon for the 307 executed soldiers, he was supported on a free vote by Dr Reid, eight members of the current Cabinet and Nick Brown, now Government

Chief Whip. The eight Cabinet Ministers are: Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade: David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Donald Dewar, Secretary of State for Scotland; Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health; Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development; Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage; and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary.

At its annual conference in Bournemouth, the Royal British Legion's 600 delegates passed a motion, already adopted by its National Council, to call for a pardon, and to "call upon the National Council to bring renewed pressure on Her Majesty's Government to take this action".



Up tails all: One of 100,000 plastic ducks that went a dabbling in the river Avon at Bath yesterday – competing in the world's largest ever bath duck race. The ducks were backed for £1 each, with a trip to Iceland rument to take this action".

as the prize for the winner, and the losers seeing their money go to WaterAid, a charity that provides clean Photograph: John Lawrence

French PM agrees to fall on his épée The front-runners will be



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Straw to put more bobbies on the beat

Katherine Butler Brussels Anthony Bevins London

> Thousands of policemen will be moved away from their desks and put back on the beat, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, promised last night.

> Mr Straw was responding to the International Crime Victimisation Survey, which showed yesterday that people in England and Wales are more at risk from burglary and car their than those in any other industrialised Western nation. They also face the same risk of phys-ical attack as people in the United States.

> Mr Straw did not dispute the findings of the survey, which was conducted in 1996. "It is a shocking and startling fact but England and Wales have the worst record on car crime, burglary and gratuitous violence,"

Mr Straw hlamed what he called 18 years of Tory complacency on rising crime, par-ticularly among juveniles. He ruled out the recruitment of more police officers owing to Labour's commitment to stick to Tory expenditure limits until the end of 1999. Instead, he vowed to exploit existing re-sources more effectively by sweeping away red tape and timewasting paperwork.

"What I want to see is more police officers released for police work, by attacking bureau-cracy, be said. The hands of the police must be untied to tackle the causes of crime, such as neighbourhood disorder and juvenile offences, particularly where children under 15 are concerned. "That is my numberone priority," Mr Straw said.

He stressed the need for an overhaul of the Crown Prosecution Service with the appointment of District Attorneys England and Wales.

What this survey confirmed is what I had been saying for the last two years as Shadow Home Secretary ... that between 1987 and 1996, the rise in crime in England and Wales was greater than in any of 16 Western countries," he said.

Mr Straw, attending his first meeting of European Union justive and home affeirs ministers in Brussels, emphasised the new Government's willingness for greater co-operation on fighting crime but rejected proposals for a European police force along the lines of the FBL

The Home Secretary repeated the Government's refusal to surrender control over passport controls at airports and ports, as well as immigration and asylum policy. Thirteen of the 15 member states want the new EU treaty due to be signed in Amsterdam next month to allow intensified co-operation over these areas, including giv-ing Brussels power to initiate legislation for the first time.

The Liberal Democrat

spokesman Alan Beith exploited the new crime figures to back his party's demand for more police officers: "In the face of new figures confirming the extent of crime and the fear of crime, the Government still refuses to put resources into appointing extra police officers on the streets.

"Labour is still too locked into its pre-election rhetoric to face up to the reality that the thin blue line needs strengthening."

Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, said the figures had to be treated with caution.

GIVENCHY



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significant shorts

Airport protesters jubilant as supplies arrive by night

Jubilant protesters on the site of Manchester Airport's proposed £172m second runway say they are equipped to resist eviction for several more weeks following an audacious re-supply operation carried out under cover of darkness yesterday.

Security officials policing the fenced-in site were caught unawares by a group of campaigners who sailed through defences and into the camp by using dinghys and canoes on the River Bollin. The opposing sides in the conservation dispute disagreed about the effectiveness of the operation last night, but it was clear from protesters living in tree-houses that they had received fresh supplies of food, water, medical items and batteries to power mobile telephones and CB radios. Some campaigners claimed that

mobile telephones and CB radios. Some campaigners claimed that the boats had also been used to land up to 50 new protesters on the existing sites, but this was denied by a spokesman for Randal Hibbert, the under-sheriff of Cheshire responsible for the eviction.

Credit for the raid was claimed by an organisation calling itself the Sea Sabs Marine Conservatioo Group. Three of the seven camps have now been cleared of protesters. According to the under-sberiff's spokesman, about 35-40 protesters remaioed on site. The protesters put that figure at up to 150.

Glorious sunshine, and roads misery

Britain basked in the sunshine yesterday as temperatures soared up to 21C, giving the country its warmest Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend for five years.

But the heat did nothing to alleviate the misery of motorists caught in a series of traffic jams which brought chaos to many areas of Britain. The worst delay was in Staffordshire where the M6 was deserted for a military toler of the motorists. of Britain. The worst delay was in stanfordshife where the Mo was closed after a military tanker overturned, covering the motorway with hundreds of gallons of aviation fuel. Fire services immediately closed the carriageway in both directions, A five-vehicle pile-up on the A48 near Carmarthen, Dyfed, which resulted in 12 minor injuries, including seven to children, also caused severe disruption. Yesterday's incident follows the death of a six-month-old baby in a crash in North Wales on Sunday.

Britain rejoins development agency

Britain is to rejoin the international development organisation Unesco in the next five weeks, the Government announced yesterday. The annouocement



reverses the Tory government's decision 12 years ago to withdraw from the United Netions Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The new Government disclosed in the Queen's Speech two weeks ago that it would rejoin, but had not set a date. The announcement that Britain would join by 1 July was made by Secretary of State of International Development Clare Short (left) at an executive meeting of Unesco. She said in the statement, delivered by aide Tooy Bazeley.

that Britain waoted to take part io the organisation's aid to poor countries. Unesco is an autonomous agency of the United Nations. based in Paris. It aims to promote learning, preserve the world's heritage and exchange ideas and information between nations.

No change in surrogacy law

A change in the law on surrogacy, effectively banning surrogate mother hood in return for the payment of expenses, is most unlikely, Whitehall sources indicated last night. While contract-based commercial surrogacy is illegal in Britain, questions have been raised about the alleged payment of expenses in excess of £10,000 to "bost" mothers.

A Department of Health spokesman said vesterdsy: "If there is anything that comes to light that gives us concern, we will have a look at the existing law to see if it is adequate." But he stressed there was no presumption in favour of tightening legislation. Ruth Deitch, chairwoman of the Human Embryology and Fertilisation Authority, said recently that she thought the existing law was sound, although there may be some concern about people taking the payment of expenses too far. Anthony Bevins

Farm-hand held over mother's death

A farm worker charged with murdering his elderly mother was remanded in custody when he appeared in court yesterday. Magistrates at Yeovil, Somerset, remanded Peter Pitman, 46, of Priory Farm, Charlton Mackrell, oear Somerton, until Thursday. Mr Pitman lived at the farm with his 75-year-old mother Janet. who suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. The body of Mrs Pitman. who had been shot, was found in a field near her home on Friday.

Bogus guard walks off with £50,000

A man posing as a security guard walked off with more than £50,000 in a daring daylight raid on a motorway service station. police said yesterday.

The raider, who was not thought to be armed, walked into the Granada service station on the M4 at Chieveley oear Reading, Berkshire, on Sunday, and was allowed into the room where the safe was housed. He then handcuffed and gagged two women cashiers before snatching two days' worth of takings from the safe. The two women were said to be badly shocked but unburt. No one from Granada was available to discuss the raid.

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Marley's unknown legend that could sell for £60m

reviously unreleased tracks by the late reggae singer, Bob Mariey, have been put up for sale for £60m by his former producer.

Danny Sims, who signed Mariey to his JAD record label between 1969 and 1971 before the legendary Jamaican switched to the Island stable, has the rights to 200 tracks produced by the artist. "Bob has surpassed being just a music legend," said

Mr Sims. "He has become e leader of a worldwide musical faith kept alive by his family, those whn love the man and his music and the sheer originality and quality of his voice and songs." Marley, nicknamed the Poor Man's Pope because

so many of his songs preached revolution and free-dom from oppression, was born in 1945, the son of a British army capitain and a Jamaican woman. Brought up in Kingston, he worked as an electrical

welder before forming a reggae group, Bob Marley and the Wailers in 1963. Hits such as "No Wnman, No Cry" and "I Shot The Sheriff" cetapulted the band to fame

Woman bomber

takes aim at

rough justice

Kelly Flinn, the US air force's first

female B52 pilot, has spoken publicly for the first time since she de-

cided to save herself and the US

accepting a general discharge

she said she would probably

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air force further embarrassment by

Interviewed by Time magazine,

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She is still at the air force base

at Minot, North Dakota, where pro-cedures for her departure are ex-pected to take up to 10 days.

Ms Flinn said she was fully pre-

pared to be disciplined for her ad-

mitted adultery and disobedience,

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been handled outside the military

She said she had been hoping

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Instead, she found herself fac-

ing up to nine years in prison, in a

case that inflamed American opin-

inn and prompted awkward ques-

Along with giving her side of the story to Time, Ms Flinn had to suf-

tions about whether men and

were really treated equally.

women in the US armed forces

for the indignity of seeing made

and made Marley an influential political voice. In 1976 he narrowly escaped an assassination attempt which left his wife, Rita, seriously injured. Five years later the committed Rastafarian died from cancer in Miami at the age of 36.

In recent years re-releases of Marley's music have enjoyed success in the British charts and, with the news that a session by Paul McCartney and John Lennon made after the Beatles had split could be worth £2m, Sims is expecting multi-million pound bids for the tapes.

Included amongst the tracks are solo compositions by Marley, early versions of Wallers' hits and cover versions of songs by American artists such as James

Jeremy Collingwood, President of the British Mar-ley Appreciation Society, believes the discovery of new material is significant. He said: "There are many gems amongst these tapes. It could be thought of as the equivalent of discovering e roomful of early Picassos." James Mellor

McAliskey gives birth to daughter

Roisin McAliskey, on remand in connection with the IRA attack last year on a British Army barracks in Osnabruck, Germany, gave birth to a baby girl yesterday while under armed guard in hospital. However, Ms McAliskey's mother, the former MP Bernadette Devlin, said no members of the security service were present at the birth.

The delivery came three days af-ter Ms McAliskey was taken to the Whittington Hospital, north London, from her prison cell in nearby Holloway prison. Ms McAliskey, who suffers from asthma, made the short trip on Fridey with an escort of armed police following a court hearing. The baby was then two deys overdue.

A spokesman for the Roisin McAllskey campaign said yester-day: "She has had the baby. It is a 5lb 13oz girl. I gather it was quite e long labour and Roisin is very tired, but they are both fine."

A spokeswoman for Whittington Hospital said later that "both mother and baby are doing well". ws wcAiskey has been neid on remand in Holloway while fighting extradition to Germany in connec-

tion with last summer's attack. Despite the campaign over her pregnancy and asthma, she had been refused bail until Fridey. The hospital's chief executive

Jane Perrin confirmed at the weekend that there would be a "police presence" and strengthened security during Ms McAliskey's stay. Matthew Brace

briefing

SPENDING

The shopper of 2001: older richer and more discerning

The average British shopper in 2001 will be richer, older and morpicky than today and will prefer out-of-town malls to the high

street, new research says.

A report by retail researchers Verdict on consumer demand in 2001 concludes that there will be a fundamental shift in patterns. shopping and income distribution over the next five years. A slian shopping and income distribution over the next five years. A shape fall in the birth rate 30 years ago together with higher youth unemployment means that by 2001 there will be fewer people in their twenties with less to speed than there are today. Older people will have the greatest spending power, benefiting from inherited wealth, building society windfall gains and insurance company wealth, building society windfall gains and insurance company flotations: The report concludes that consumers over the next five years will be much more demanding and will want to shop around years will be much more demanding and will want to shop around years will shopping centres rather than secondary high streets. Verdict says the boom markets in retail over the next five years will be electrical products, driven by computer games, software and accessories. Televisioo sales will be boosted by the edveot of digital technology and mail order and sportswear will show strong growing the children was a product.

technology and mail order and sportswear will show strong growing and consumers will switch back to brands. Childreoswear and footsales will show the weakest growth.

EDUCATION

Teachers overawed by computers



insufficiently trained to teach the netional curriculum in information technology, a new survey of school beads has found. Eighty per cent of headteachers questioned for BBC2's Computers Don't Bite programme broadcast last night, said teachers lacked confidence in using computers, and 68 per cent said staff did not know enrugh about information technology to teach it for the national curriculum – 57 per cent said this of even newly qualified teachers. The survey supported findings by Ofsted, the schools inspectorate, which suggested that standards in information

technology were weaker than all other subjects.

Nigel De Gruchy, general secretary of the Netinnal Association of Schoolmasters/Union Women Teachers, said: [Teachers] are expected to become subject specialists in a whole range of areas overnight and they are just not prepared." He believed that a government-funded centrally co-ordinated training system was eeded to bring teachers up to date.

■ Pre-school campaigners are arging the Government to harmonise regulations covering services from nannies to nursery schools. Ministers say they aim to promote better integration between child care and pre-school education, as part of plans to expand nursery schooling. But the Daycare Trust said that expansion should not be at the expense of quality. Services from birth to the beginning of statutory school age were currently dogged by a proliferation of inconsistent regulations; it said.

INDUSTRY

Rural firms neglected

I OI VETY SINAH THEAL D unless the Government takes action to provide better advice and resources, the Country Landowners Associatioo (CLA) and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) have claimed. Rural firms with fewer than 10 staff were receiving "less and less attention", and the CLA said were "even excluded" from the Business Links support structure for smaller firms. The "serious" cutback in Rural Development Commission services had elso reduced its support. The CLA and FSB said they would be taking their concerns to ministers at the Department of Trade and Industry.

HOUSING

Worst estates due for demolition

Billions of pounds of local council capital for housing should be carefully targeted of Britain's most run-down estates, a new report says today. The money should be steered towards re-developing "the very worst properties", according to the Institute for Public Policy Research think-tank. And it said such redevelopment would mean knocking down and rebuilding same estates. The Government is committed to releasing £5bn of local council capital receipts for hallding new housing and renovating existing stock.

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NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING Recycled paper made up 41.2% of

the raw material for UK newspapers in the first half of 1996

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"I'll love you always, Kelly."

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Of her disastrous relationship

with Mr Zigo, Ms Flinn joked to

Time that the next person she de-clided to gn out with "is going to

have to be fingerprinted and have

Described by her family as

emotionally and physically ex-

hausted", Ms Flinn told the maga-

zine: "I've lost my innocence, and

I've lost my ability to trust people.

She said she hoped people in the eir force would "think of people as human beings and realise they are

subject to human mistakes and

human errors. I hope that ... peo-

Mary Dejevsky, Washington

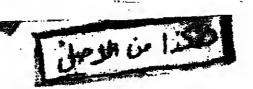
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Laid bare: Mark Banks's latest stained glass creation The Last Supper, with Jesus and the Disciples represented by teddy bears - a recurring theme in his work Below:

Today's the day the teddy bears have their Last Supper

Kathy Marks

Mark Banks wipes the final specks of cement off his latest creation, a portrayal in stained glass of the Last Sup-per in which Jesus and the Disciples are represented as bears.

This type of subversion of the religious imagery traditionally associated with stained glass led one London gallery to reject his work as too con-troversial when he was looking for a place to exhibit. But for Mr Banks, who has decided to cock a snook at the established art world by staging his own exhibition, it is emhlematic of his fresh approach to a centuries-old art form. The bears, recurring figures in his work, appear not just in religious settings, but also in bars and night-clubs, where they drink and smoke.

"I wanted to alter the public conception of stained glass, to take it out of the church context and make it appeal to a wider audience," he says.

In The Last Supper, his largest and most intricate pane, the Disciples

lounge around a table wearing expressions that range from piety to boredom. One has his paw stuck in a jar of honey; a second has just spilt his wine. In another window, a Nativity scene is again peopled by bears.

If the work is unusual, then so is Mr Banks's hackground. Born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, a rare ge netic condition resulting in severe facial deformity, he spent most of his childhood and early adulthood in hospitals undergoing surgery to rehuild his features. The disability, he believes, has given him an profound appreciation of natural beauty.

The tapes of rock music that sustained him through the endless rounds of operations also inspired another leitmotif that runs through his art. Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, John Lennon and Bob Marley are among the performers that he has portrayed

Mr Banks, 32, who works out of two sheds at the bottom of his garden in Chingford, north-east London, had his art O-level twice. His enthusiasm was re-ignited by a visit in 1987 to Presley's Gracelands mansion in Memphis, which features a collection of elaborately painted windows. Something just clicked," he says.

On his return, he set about teaching himself the art and craft of stained glass. The bears theme, he says, occurred to him in a dream in which he visualised two tarty-looking female bears in mini-skirts, stockings and high heels. He reproduced the mage in a work he calls Bear Bums.

While the exhibition at Gallery Forty-Seven in July is Mr Banks's first attempt to gain commercial recognition, he has managed to interest a number of celebrities in his art. He has made a window for Uri Geller featuring crystals and hent spoons, and one for Emma Thompson, the actress, which includes an enormous Os-

car figurine.

"There's something magical about working with glass," he says. "It's a unique art form."



Legal delay may halt abortion plan

Steve Boggan

Lawyers representing a father who is trying to prevent his es-tranged wife from aborting their baby have been told that the House of Lords cannot hear his case until next Monday - when she will be more than 15 weeks pregnant.

The delay, due to the Whit holidays, could be significant because Lynne Kelly revealed vesterday that she may go through with the birth if the case continues to drag on,

James Kelly, 28, Edinburgh. has lost at every step on the way to the Lords, but an order is still in place preventing Mrs Kelly from having a termination. Af-ter Mr Kelly lost his cast at the Court of Appeal, it was assumed that the Lords would sit soon afterwards. But Wendy Sheehan, Mr Kelly's solicitor, said yesterday: "The House of Lords. both the clerks and the court itself, is closed this week. But the clerk's office is prepared to open this Wednesday at 10am for us to lodge the petition.

cilled in to hear the case is Monday next week. It has yet to be confirmed. They simply could not convene five law lords and clerks and court staff before Monday."

The delay could have an influence over 21-year-old Mrs Kelly's decision to abort or proceed with the pregnancy. She told the Daily Record newspaper yesterday: "The way things are just now I will carry on with the abortion. But if the matter is delayed further by the courts,

Smoking a cigarette, she added: "When I first went to see the doctors, they told me I had got there at the right time. But more than a week has now passed, so that starts to leave questions in my mind. If the case goes to the House of Lords, who ed uncertainty and anxiety."

knows when it will be heard? That could make the difference of me having to have a labourinduced termination - and that is something I would have very The date that has been penstrong doubts about."

David Paintin, a retired gy-naecologist and chairman of the Birth Control Trust, said the delay of an extra week did not represent a significant increase in the complications. He said the type of abortion favoured by Mrs Kelly could be safely performed up to 18 weeks.

"Abortion is legal up to 24 weeks. From an ethical and medical point of view, there is no problem up until that point. then I may have to reconsider." But, for the woman, it becomes more prolonged and uncomfortable. At 14 weeks there is than at, say six or eight weeks. But this risk is still only two per thousand ... I would be more idence given in court that he concerned about the protract-convicted on 15 May 1996.

Mrs Kelly was in hiding last night with representatives of the Daily Record and The Mirror, but her uncle, Willie Palconer, said that the family had been shocked by revelations in court that Mr Kelly was convicted of assaulting her last year.

"How would you feel if it were your sister or your niece that was getting beaten up?" he said. Mr Falconer said the family had been angered by Mr Kelly's ap-pearances on television. "What's been going on is, this guy's heen saying, when he went along to the TV studios, I hope Lynne is getting counselling and I hope the family are taking care of her'. That's what he should have been doing. No fortable. At 14 weeks there is woman is going to walk out if her twice the risk of complications marriage is OK." He challenged Mr Kelly publicly to deny having assaulted his wife, despite evidence given in court that he was



Letters, page 15 Helen Mirren: Prime Suspect star in the prime of life

She's 51, but still the sexiest

Louise Jury

In a poll calculated to hearten crime programmes. 1TN's trevor McDonald was the news actress Helen Mirren has been voted the sexiest woman on television.

The star of the Prime Suspect detective series, who last year posed naked at 50, beat a clutch of younger contenders to win the approval of readers of Radio Times magazine. She attracted a 5 per cent lead over the X Files' Gillian Anderson followed by Jennifer Anniston of Friends and presenter Ulrika Jonsson.

However, the X Files, the cult American series, can boast the sexiest man. David Duchovny trounced home-grown talent including actors Colin Firth and Neil Pearson and sports presenter Des Lynam.

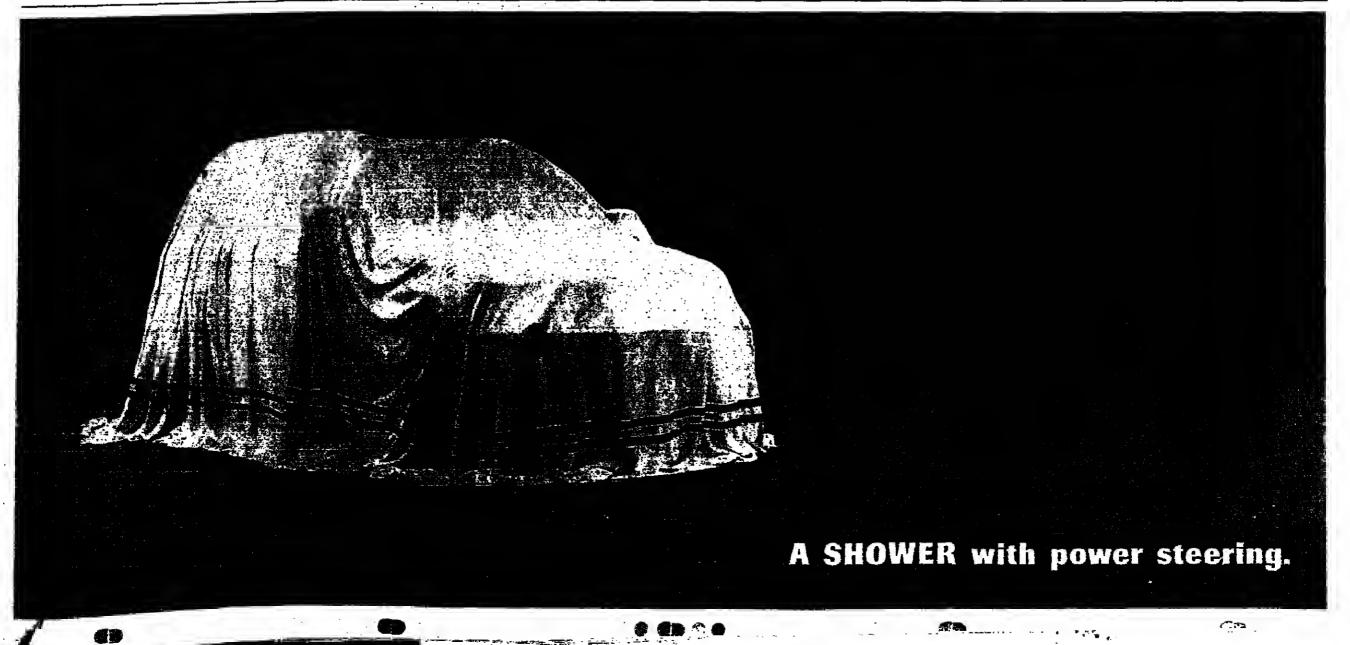
Nearly 40,000 people returned the Radio Times' survey of viewing and listening habits. The editor Sue Robinson said it showed what a major part television plays in our lives. More than onequarter said they would not give it up even for large sums of cash.

more shocked by the news than reader the public most trusts, jus ahead of the BBC's Michael Buerk, Michael Parkinson was the best-ever British chat-show host, with 47 per cent of the vote compared with 12 per cent for Clive James.

cent of those who replied were

The readers overwhelmingly regarded Chris Evans, the former Radio 1 disc jockey, as a fool and would most like to receive the kiss of life from Dr Ross, of the American medical drama ER. Inspector Morse was the favourite detective.

Readers' main concern was excessive violence - 47 per cent said films with a violent content should be censored. Yet 45 per cent thought films should not be cut at all. Of those who replied, 58 per cent watched television for between one and three hours a day and another third watched for more than four hours a day. One per cent oever watched any television at all. Forty-two per cent listened to the radio for be-The survey found that 45 per tween one and three hours a day.



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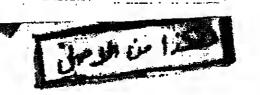


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Joseph Stones and the Bible given to his wife when he joined the Durham Light Infantry. Stones's quick thinking helped him and his comrades, including Peter Goggins, left, escape a German patrol. Both were shot.

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Shot at dawn: the scared young men who lied to fight in Flanders

They were sick, cold, hungry, tired and terrified. They saw their friends hombed, gassed and cut to pieces in spectacular numbers and they were reduced to trembling wrecks by relentless shellfire and the imminence of their own demise. Many had lied about their age to fight for King and Country. not submitted to the courts or But 307 of them were executed by their comrades, often for little more than being frightened, confused young men. Between 1914 and 1920, more than 3,000 British soldiers were sentenced to death by courts

Reports by **Steve Boggan**

tion and the right of appeal. Medical evidence which showed that many were suffering from shell-shock - or post traumatic stress disorder - was either was ignored. Most hearings lasted no more than 20 minutes. Transcripts made public 75 years after the events suggest that some of the men were underage. Others appeared to

court martial: "[Roe] came up to have "cast away his arms" and to me and asked if 1 was a policeman. He told me that be had lost his way and had been wandering about for two days."

Another 19-year-old, Pte James Archibald of the 17th Royal Scots, told his comrades he "felt queer" while en route to the trenches at 6.30pm on 14 May 1916. At 3pm the next day, he was found asleep in a barn. He a prison sentence. He was shot was shot by firing squad three at dawn two weeks later. weeks later.

Sgt Joe Stones of the Durham Light Infantry was arrested in January 1917 after an ambush in which his commanding officer was killed. Stones, whose previous bravery had heen acknowledged by officers, had wedged his non-functioning rifle across a narrow trench to

Pte Joseph Byers was underage when he enlisted in 1914. By January 1915, the war had ground the young man down and he went absent without leave. After being caught, he admitted attempting to desert in the naive belief that his honesty and contrition would earn him

Andrew Mackinlay, the Labour MP for Thurrock who has been campaigning for pardons for the men for five years, said: "When the suppressed documents relating to these courts martial were released, they showed that these men were demonstrahly shell-shocked."

"Even where we can't prove the men were ill, we can say that there was one common denomipator - they were all denied

natural justice. None was given access to legal representation or the right of appeal. Most of them were not given proper medical examinations and so their conditions were ignored." Mr Mackinlay would like to see either a hlanket pardon by royal prerogative - which would not require legislation - or each case to be examined on its merits by High Court judges. None of the

cases he is concerned with

involves treason or mutiny. Julian Putkowski, co-author of Shot at Dawn (Pen & Sword), said: "The function of these executions was to intimidate and frighten soldiers in the battlefield to get them to take part in pointless exercises in which thousands were slaughtered."

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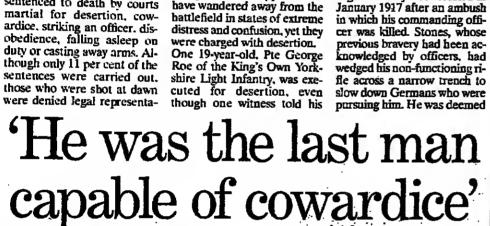
The composite soldier in the trenches would be suffering from chronic insomnia and anxicty attacks. He would be wet

and cold in wind-chill factors that dragged temperatures as low as minus-18.

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"It was enough to drive anyone crazy. To say that all these men who were shot were bad and deserved their punishment is to ig-nore all these factors. Most iust couldn't take any more." By 1930, Parliament had introduced legislation banning the death sentence for the offences

for which the 307 were shot.



Sgt Joe Stones stood at just 5ft The young sergeant turned and that he was the last man I 2ins tall, but he was promoted ran but had the presence of would have thought capable of over the heads of stronger men mind to wedge his rifle across any cowardly action. because of his acknowledged a narrow trench to slow the Ger- But Stones, along with the corbravery and leadership qualities. mans. He reached his comporals, was executed anyway. Time and again he led harbed- rades in the rear, shouting: Like many families whose sons wire parties out into No Man's "The Hun are upon us," and Land, risking his life while caring for the men in his charge. But he was executed for "casting away his arms" in one of the most bizarre tragedies of the

Stones, 25, of the 19th Durham Light Infantry, had been in the trenches of northern France for a year when, one cold morning in January 1917, he went on patrol with his commanding officer. The men were amhushed by Germans and the officer was killed, but Stones couldn't to return fire because he had not removed a protective cover from the breach of his rifle.

gave them enough time to

However, he was charged with casting away his arms and two corporals, John McDonald and Peter Goggins, were charged with quitting their posts as they made their escape.

At Stones's court martial, one officer, Lt J.Rider, wrote: "I have personally been out with him in No Man's Land and always found him keen and bold. In the trenches, he never showed the least sign of funk. ...I have had countless opportunities of seeing him under bad circumstances. I can safely say and an apology."

were shot at dawn, Stones's never spoke of him again. His great nephew. Tom Stones, 56, found out about him only last

"My grandfather was a lay preacher and he kept a hible with details of family members, the war and battles written inside - but there was no mention of my great uncle Joe,"

"What they did to him makes me very angry. They shot him like a rat. It's clear that the poor bugger was no coward. I don't want a medal for him, but I do think he should get a pardon

He was shaking so much he couldn't hold a pen'

in hospital for five months recovering from shell shock before they sent him back to the

Yorkshire Regiment had been records that Farr failed to report for duty on 17 September. He fell out without permission, intending to find an officer to report sick to. However, his pleas fell on deaf ears and he was dragged, kicking and screaming, towards the front before being charged with cowardice.

He told the court martial: "I returned to the 1st Line Transport hoping to report sick to some medical officer there. On the sergeant major's return I reported to him and said I was sick and I could not stand it. "He then said: You are a

fucking coward and you will go to the trenches. I give fuck all for my life and I give fock all for yours and I'll get you fucking well shot." He was shot at dawn on 18 October. While he was in the hospital

suffering from shell shock, a nurse wrote a letter home for him to his wife, Gertrude, because his hands were shaking too much to hold a pen. It was the last she heard from him. Gertrade kept her husband's

fate a secret for more than 70 years. She was 99 when the papers relating to his case were released and her granddaughter, Janet Booth, was able to explain that he had not been a coward. but was simply a sick young man unable to take any more killing.

"After all those years not mentioning him, she spent the last days of her hie talking about Harry Farr," said Mrs. Booth. "It means an awful lot to her to have the stigma removed. Now I'd like to see my grandfather pardoned."





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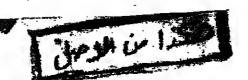
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Hint of hope for nurses in murder trial

Steve Boggan

The man who holds the fate of two British nurses in his hands hinted yesterday that he had not ruled out asking a Saudi coun to spare them from being

Frank Gilford, brother of Yvonne Gilford, the Australian nurse allegedly murdered by the Britons Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan, made conflicting statements about his willingness to see the death penalty carried out. But. as a result of the Saudi court adjourning the women's trial for three weeks so lawvers could make a plea for clemency, he said he would use the time to think about his positiun. Mr Gilford, of Adelaide, and

Heavenly Body

scanning the street.

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along the sectling road.

Since St Swithin's Day

By Sarah Maguire

guilty of beating, stabbing and smothering his sister to death last December at the King Fahd Military Medical Complex in Dhahran. He has consistently said he wanted the death penalty carried out, and appeared to adhere to that yesterday in an interview on BBC Radio 5 Live's Midday with Mair programme. When asked by the journalist Eddie Mair whether he

McLauchlan if they are found

would consider elemency in the case, he replied: "Not at this stage, no." However, by the end of the five-minute interview, he appeared to soften his position. Asked what would make him ask for clemency, he replied: "That I don't know until such

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"Heavenly Body" comes from Sarah Maguire's second collection, The Invisible Mender, published this week by Jonathan Cape (£7). Sarah Maguire will be reading at the Poetry Society. 22 Betterton Street, London WC2, on Thursday 29 May

at 7.30pm. To reserve a seat (£5 per ticket) telephone 0171-

his family are the only people time as we get more facts and who can save Ms Parry and Ms time to contemplate the aspects. time to contemplate the aspects. "It is something that we have

some weeks to think about and contemplate. It is not a matter of a simple question, yes or no. now. It's something that we have got to think about. We can't just jump of the deep end and say, Oh yes, we're going to do this, we're going to do that."

Asked when he and his fam-

ily would make a decision, he replied: "Well, give us time to think about it. We don't know."

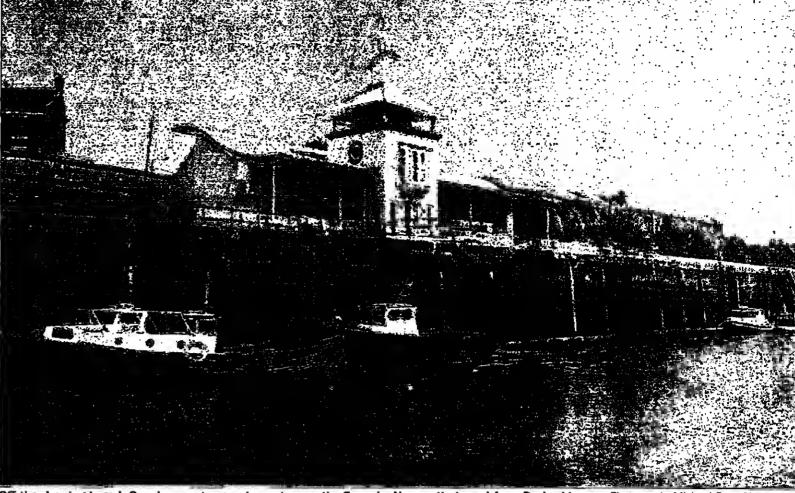
The hrutal way his 55-year-old sister was killed has clearly played a large part in his calls for the penalty to be carried out. "It has not been easy - it is something that just doesn't go away," he said. "You can sort of close your eyes and see your sister there, all stab wounds and head all bashed

in. It just doesn't go away." Earlier, in an interview with Independent Radio News, Mr Gilford acknowledged that the death penalty and "blood money" - compensation for a vic-tim's family - were not the only punishments available to the courts. "There are more options than just the blood money and the beheading," he said. "Apparently, there is imprison-

ment in the case as well."

Ms Parry, 41, of Alton,
Hampshire, and Ms McLauchlan, 31, of Dundee, have withdrawn confessions, which they told a hearing in Al-Khobar on Sunday they made after being threatened with rape. The hearing was adjourned for three weeks so fresh approaches could be made to Mr Gilford.

His apparent willingness to consider the jail option was welcomed by Stephen Jakobi of Fair Trials Abroad. "But the problem here is not whether guilty people deserve the death penalty, he said. "It is that confession statements were obtained in highly dubious circumstances."



Off the drawing board: Ouseburn water sports centre, on the Tyne, by Newcastle-based Jane Darbyshire

Female architects build on success



Jane Darbyshire: OBE for

services to architecture

Louise Jury

When Jane Drew, the brilliant British architect of the Modern Movement, graduated as an architectural student in 1929 no one would give her a job.

She had received 16 marriage proposals during her studies at the Architectural Association where the predominance of men was such, she once recalled, that "you could have a hare-lip and a squint and still be taken out to lunch".

She overcame these hurdles to enjoy a long, successful career and died last July at the age of 85. This autumn, a new award celebrating women in architecture is being launched in

But the Jane Drew Award will not he alone in honouring women architects. Though they comprise only 10 per cent of the profession, they are finally in the

The Design Museum in London has just finished a series of lectures on women designers and architects. Next week the Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba) unveils an exhibition of their work in its

Heinz Gallery.
The Prince of Wales' Institute of Architecture is holding a oneday seminar on women in architecture next week. And his magazine, Perspectives, this month devotes eight pages in praise of the women who, it claims, "are finally transform-

they jolly well listen." ing this last bastion of sexism" Joanna van Heyningen, 51, work as a single practitioner. who runs her own practice with "But they aren't the people who husband Birkin Haward, bebecome famous. They're not lieves this will be the "last gasp doing the hig, flashy buildings." of interest in women".

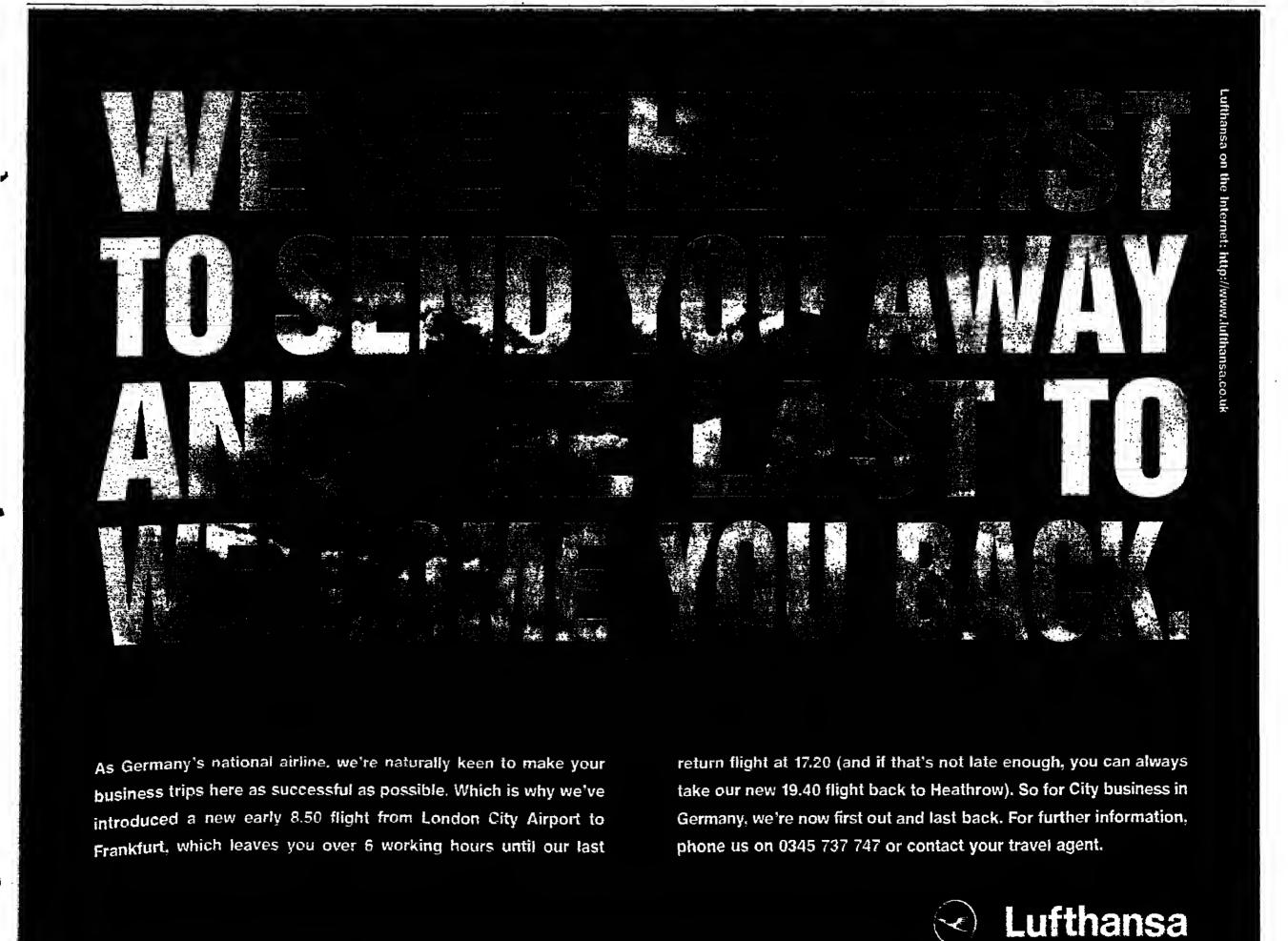
Women are being noticed for She concedes she was one of what they do. For example, only a handful of women at a din-Jane Darbyshire, who works in Newcastle with her partner ner of several thousand architects earlier this month. She David Kendall, was awarded the thinks it is probably more diffi-OBE in 1994 for "services to arcult for employees, rather than chitecture" after developing a

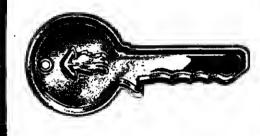
partners, and certainly for national reputation for housing women outside London who hospice, urban renewal and do not get the same salaries and sports and arts centre schemes. promotions as their male col-Kate Macintosh gained an

MBE for her long and distin-But the hreakthrough has guished career including work been made. "We've won the baton the Royal National Theatre. tle," Ms van Heyningen said. And Gabriele Bramante seized the public imagination with her glass and steel Citizens' Advice Ms van Heyningen's experience is that being a woman can Bureau in Chessington. be positive. "You have a certain surprise advantage on the build-

Denise Bennetts, 44, who ing site. They do slightly expect runs a practice with her husband you not to know about huilding, Rab producing buildings such as hut once you've shown you do, Powergen's headquarters, said despite the presence of some all-She points out it is feasible to women practices, there was no women's movement in architecture. "Our generation felt it was more important to master the profession and be good at it."

Up to 30 per cent of the students are women and Denise Bennetts hopes they will not have to be their own bosses to succeed. "It is beholden on practices to give people the freedom," she said.





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'Rainbow' coalition narrows gap in run-up to Irish poll



Alan Murdoch

New opinion polls suggest that the result of Ireland's general election next week will be on a knife-edge, with the outgoing "rainbow" coalition rapidly narrainbow coalmon rapidly im-rowing the lead held by the cen-tre-right opposition alliance. Two weekend polls found

the previous week's 8 per cent lead hold by Bertie Ahern's Fianna Fail and the Progressive Democrats (PDs) under their ard-hitting leader Mar ney cut to 4 per cent.

The opposition lead could now be narrower following weekend controversy over tough social policy reforms urged by Ms Harney's party. Her call for allowances for single mothers to be redirected to encourage them to stay at home with their own parents has caused unease among her prospective government part-ners. The Democratic Left accused the PD of "playing to intolerance for political gain" and "targeting the weakest and most vulnerable members of

Left-wing coalition parties could hardly conceal their glee at the PD line, which allowed

cial concern. This prompted crisis talks between Ms Harney and Mr Ahern on Sunday. Fianna Fail also has many voters in the state sector, where the

PDs want to cut 25,000 jobs. The latest polls show Fianna Fail at 41 per cent; Fine Gael steady at 26 per cent; Labour up two points to 14 per cent; PDs down one at 5 per cent; and

them to reaffirm their radical so- Democratic Left unchanged at

The improved Labour showing is critical to the government retaining power, as it is now hitting the level needed to retain two-thirds of the record 33 seats it secured in 1992.

The hustings had earlier been dominated by rival taxcutting pledges, with the oppo-

duction countered hy a broader government plan to reform diowences tembered and social insurance levels to lift dispos-

Government parties stressed that their plan would give more, wider relief to the lower paid, with the 15 per cent of top-rate tax-payers receiving assistance only after two years if finances

Current party strengths in the 166-seat Dail elected in 1992 are Finena Ful 68 Fine Gael 46: Labour 32: PDs 8: Democratic Left 6 and Green Party 1; with five others, including the Ceann Comhairle (Speaker). Sinn Fein has an outside

chance of taking its first Dail seat since it won four forty

sisted attempts to bring abortion on to the agenda, fearing a revidual TDs (MPs) by hard-line campaigners seen throughout the Eighties. Last week, the conservative Archbishop of Dublin urged a

years ago in 1957. All the major parties have re

tion to abortion was not being reflected in the public positions of political parties. The new National Part headed by Limerick dancing teacher Nora Bennis, is backing a "pro-family" anti-abortion line and wants a £100-a-week

new referendum to outlaw any

abortion in Ireland. Dr

Desmond Connell said it was

"disconcerting" that opposi-

wage to enable mothers to stay at home with their children. Irish abortion law has been

confused since a 1992 Supreme Court ruling allowed a 14-year-old girl the right to an abortion abroad after hearing that she was a suicide risk. Three referendums later

that year confirmed women's right to information about abortion and travel but rejected a loosely drafted proposal to permit terminations in Ireland where the health, as opposed to the life, of the mother was at

From left to right: how the parties compare

If history is any guide Ireland's voters will opt for change - they usually do. No sitting government since 1969 has succeeded in being re-elected in

the same form: Casting a single transferable vote in 41 mutti-seat constituencies, the 2.7 million electorate on 6 June will choose between the outgoing centre-left "rainbow" coalition, formed in 1994 of Fine Gael-Labour-Democratic Left, and the Fianna Fail-Progressive Democrats centre-right alternative. Flanna Fail and Fine Gael de-rive from the 1922-23 civil war

schism which followed British withdrawal. Fianna Fail, created in 1926 by supporters of Earnon de Valera, opposed partition and, un-til the Republic was declared in 1948, an oath of allegiance to the Crown under the treaty with Britain. With its legendary electoral machine, Fianna Fall held power for 49 of the 74 years since the state was formed. More national movement than political party, it linked small farmers and urban workers under a republican umbrella. Since the Sixties, as it moved towards big business, its ur-

ban strength has been eroded by the Fine Gael emerged from Michael Collins's allies who backed the treaty. Its support,

notably from conservative Catholic farmers and professional classes, peaked at 39 per cent in

Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have simi-

smaller parties that give coalitions their colouring. Dick Spring's moderate Labour, founded in ABOUR 1912, is the third party in size and reached its peak vote in 1992 winning 19 per cent of the vote

lar economic policies. Today it is the

and 33 Dail seats. The mainly urban, middleclass Progressive Democrats, who married new-

right economics and liberal social views, were launched in 1985 after a Flanna Fall split, entering government with that party from 1989-92.

The Democratic Left grew out

of a splinter group from the official Republican move-ment which turned to constitutional politics.

A kickboxer died in Northern ireland vesterday after col-

lapsing in the ring. Sean McBride, 18, from Dungannon. Co Tyrone, was taken from the ring to South Tyrone Hospital, apparently after being stuck a blow on the back of the head. He was then transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, where he was put on a life-support machine. He died without regaining

Sean, a meat plant worker, fell at the end of his contest at a hotel near Dungannon. Police

have been called in to investigate the death and an inquest s to be held.

Kickboxer in fatal fight

His mother. Mary McBride, said: "Football and boxing were his life. I didn't want to stop him fighting because I knew it meant too much to him.

Mrs McBride, her husband Sean and daughters Ciara, Flona and Aime, were sitting among the crowd at the Glengannon Hotel where her son ollapsed on Friday night. The teenager's death, thought to be the first ever from injuries

sustained during a kickboxing many occasions.

match, was a tragedy waiting to happen, according to the Belfast-based world champion. Billy Murray. International Sport Kickboxing Association world champion, said he had long complained about inade-

quate safety measures employed by some hranches of the sport. The people at fault here are the Sports Council. For many years we have been battling to get all the kickboxing groups to come together and get a gov-eming body and we have asked the Sports Council to do this on

Rifkind's Scottish U-turn

A Scottish parliament could have its uses, Malcolm Rifkind, the former foreign secretary, has conceded in a remarkable ton-

ing down of dire pre-election Tory warnings about devolution. Mr Rifkind, who lost his Edinburgh Pentlands seat in the election, lold The Scotsman newspaper: "As we have our own Scottish legal system, and have a separate Scottish office, then there could be some utility in having these matters determined by an elected parlia-

ment in Scotland," But he said the potential disadvantages - the threat posed to Scottish representation in West-minster and Whitehall, and the risk of a cut in the favourable

public expenditure allocation -outweighed the advantages. He also said the risk of a break-up of the United Kingdom was low - in spite of the gory threats presented by his party during the election campaign. In one particularly strong speech, John Major had said Tony Blair was threatening to

take the ancient and function-Kingdom "and gash through the tapestry with a vandal's knife. And what would be the conscquence? ... a Disunited Kingdom drifting towards a United

States of Europe."

Mr Rifkind said of the threat of break-up: "I believe there is a risk that that could happen. But I also believe the innate good sense of the Scottish and the English - a determination to persevere in the UK - means that it is highly probable that the UK will survive."

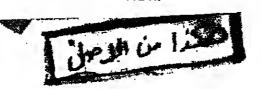
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Chirac feeds off Juppé's sacrifice

John Lichfield

With one bound our hero was free. The unpopular Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, announced vesterday that he would carry the responsibility for the crushing first-round rejection suffered by his centreright government in the first round of parliamentary round of parliamentary elections on Sunday. But President Jacques

Chirac's hand will be pictured by many hehind the back of his long-time servant and ally, compounding the president's reputation as a reckless political dice-roller and determined

escapologist. Mr Juppe's decision is politically unprecedented and constitutionally extremely doubtful. His departure may be enough to tip the second round towards the centre-right but there could also be a reaction against what will he seen as a cynical

President Chirac's decision to call a snap election already pushed the constitution of the Fifth Republic to its limit. The ditching of a prime minister between rounds of a parliamentary election strains the bounds of presidential propriety.
Will it succeed? It may. Mr

Juppé, leader of Mr Chirac's party, the Gaullist RPR, was the second least popular prime minister in recent history. The prospect that President Chirac might appoint a more consensual and charismatic figure possibly the outgoing parlia-mentary president. Phillippe Séguin – could persuade many disaffected centre-right voters to turn out in the second round

But the appalling first round score of the RPR and its allies the UDF - at 31 per cent, the worst by the centre right in 40 years - was also a rebuff for Mr Chirac and Chiraquism. It was the President, as much as Mr Juppé, who failed to deliver on

his promises of two years ago 10 cut unemployment and heal France's "social fractures". It was the President who took the decision to call the election nine months early. It was the President's RPR party which en-dured some of the most sting-

ing reverses on Sunday night. In the President's one-time unassailable fortress, the city of Paris, the centre-right may lose six seats, including that of Mr Chirac's long-time friend and successor as Mayor, Jean Tiberi.

To protect the last five years has recently curbed his EMUof his presidency from cohahitation with a left-wing government, the President is expected to make another personal in-tervention hefore Sunday probably in a television address on Thursday or Friday evening. What remains of constitutional etiquette will prevent him from naming Mr Juppe's potential successor. But leaks may fill the gap. Will it be semi-dissident Mr

scenticism? Or will it be the rising force in the UDF, the education minister, Francois Bayrou? Sources within the RPR say Mr Chirac would be extremely unwilling to appoint either man since the post might provide a springboard for them to challenge him for the presi-dency in 2002. A reconciliation with Mr Chirae's old friend, Edouard Balladur, who unsuccessfully used the premiership to try to do just that in 1995, is Seguin of the RPR, a man who

regarded as out of the question. The great personal victor of the first round is undoubtedly the Socialist leader, Lionel Jospin. Whatever the outcome this weekend, he is now established as the clear master of the French left.

Sunday's vote re-established the Socialists, with 25.5 per cent, as the most popular smgle party in France. The loose alliance of Socialists, Communists and Greens, together with minority leftish parties, scored

44.3 per cent in the first round. This could provide the platform for a narrow win by the left on Sunday. But Mr Jospin has few political reserves to call on.

The non-vote on Sunday - including spoiled hallots a nearrecord 35 per cent - is believed to be disproportionately on the centre-right. Mr Jospin's hopes depend, with dark irony, on the behaviour of the first-round voters of the far-right National Front. In those constituencies

been eliminated, the far-right votes, on past form, should transfer to the centre-right.

The left's chances of forming

a majority depend on winning many of the 78 seats, out of 577, in which the right-wing vote will be split by a three-cornered fight herween the left, the centre-right and the NF. It seems the left's chances of winning these seats is good. But to have a real chance of power, Mr Jospin probably needed perhaps 100 or 150 three-way battles.



Three-way split: The National Front mayor of Toulon, Jean-Marie Chevalieu (centre) with party followers. The NF gained 15 per cent of the vote on Sunday Photograph: Brian Har

Arafat berated over jail torture

Jerusalem

"If you had heard them." said Youssuf Musa, 56, a Palestinian driver, in Jerusalem yesterday, "you wouldn't have wept tears, you would have wept blood.*

Mr Musa spoke after visiting his son, Imad, in a Jericho prison. Imad, 25, is one of nine men in their twenties and thirties from Al-Khader, near Bethlehem, who have been held by Palestinian military intelligence for a year on multiple-murder charges. They are alleged to have acted on orders from an Israeli secret service agent.

Palestinian buman rights

running out of control. On 7 Fehruary Yasser Arafat's Justice Minister, Freih Abu-Medein, told the Palestinian parliament they were innocent and would be released within 48 hours. Three months later they are still behind hars. Their tri-

al has been set for 22 June. The Palestinian authorities now say they have all confessed. But the nine claim they were tortured until they signed false

Youssuf Musa accused their Palestinian interrogators of sexually ahusing the prisoners, of threatening to settle accounts with their families, beating them workers helieve they were and forcing them to drink

son on Saturday.

"He told me they raped them with their batons," he said. "They tied their hands behind them and made them stand or sit naked in one position for hours at a time. They tied them to a rod and turned them like chickens on a spit. They hit them with electric cables." According to Bassem Eid, di-

rector of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, the Israeli army has admitted that two of the Al-Khader shootings were perpetrated by undercover Israeli soldiers.

One of the accused, Nahil Salah, 25, was serving a term in an Israeli prison when he was torture on a large scale."

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man from his village on the way to the mosque. In another case, one of the supposed murder victims had committed suicide by drinking poison in front of her husband's family. Mr Eid was presenting his in-

dependent group's first annual report at the end of a month in which two Arah land dealers were hludgeoned to death, apparently by Palestinian police, for selling land to Jews, and two Arah journalists have been arrested for doing their jobs.
"We are still," he said, "con-

fronted with illegal detention, substandard prison conditions. lack of proper procedure and

Citizens tied up by red tape of Europe's free-travel zone

Nobody has counted the numher of conventions, decisions. handhooks, resolutions, or annexes that constitute the Schengen agreement, but officials estimate they would stand about three feet high.

Europe's first botched attempt to set up a free-travel area, the Schengen agreement is a monument to the complexity of harmonising national laws in such sensitive fields as immigration, policing and criminal

than any other, every country wants its sovereign rights proteeted and its geographical specificity" Over the years the Schengen machine has probably churned

In these policy areas more

The "common consular instruction" (harmonised visas) alone runs to hundreds of ages, with at least 14 annexes.

out more than 3,000 pages.

signed, so far, by seven European countries, would have deterred the European Union's 15 member states from continuing down this path of integration, particularly at a time when the union proclaims a new commitment to simplifying its laws in order to get closer to "the citizen".

Yet this same Schengen agreement is about to become incorporated into the already labyrinthine texts of EU law. As part of the present nego-

tiations on EU reform, to he completed at Amsterdam in three weeks time, it is being proposed that Europe should set up an "area of freedom, justice and security". The foundations of this new EU-wide legislation will be the Schengen agreement.

The process of incorporating Schengen is causing such headaches for EU lawyers and diplomats that some predict the entire project may have to be abandoned. "It is a terrible mess," Some might say that the sheer said one Brussels diplomat.

One country - Britain - bears the blame for causing such complexity. If Britain had not opposed the establishment of a EÛ-wide free travel area in the first place, there would have heen no need for the Schengen agreement, say many European officials.

The story of Europe's at-tempts to establish open borders goes back to the Single European Act, under which it was agreed that, hy 1992, the Euronean Community would establish free movement of goods, services and people.

The former prime minister. Baroness Thatcher halked at free movement of people, as it would mean an end to the UK's internal border controls.

Other member states estahlished their own free travel zone, without Britain, under the Schengen Agreement, which hy next year will have been signed by 13 member states, with only Britain and Ireland

Operating the Schengen sys-

tem outside the EU, however, has proved deeply unsatisfactory, and other member states are therefore keen to rationalise the process within Europe's in-stitutional framework. This means incorporation of Schengen and acceptance of its prin-

ciples by all 15 member states.

The problem is that Britain's new Labour government is once again stalling at the integration.

And Tony Blair is causing even more headaches by saying that not only must Britain keep; its internal borders, but it must also be able to "opt in" to other parts of Schengen such as crime data sharing

They just want to pick and choose - it can't be done," said one official.

For the sake of a political deal at Amsterdam a compromise is bound to be worked out. But the result will be a new European agreement of such monstrous proportions that it will far surpass the monstrosity of Schengen, meaning nothing at all to the "citizen".

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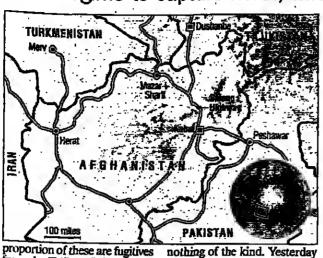
Slippery deals enabled regime to capture north, writes J J Ferguson

The speed with which the end came flabbergasted everybody.
Only three weeks ago, General Rashid Dostum, the defeated leader of the anti-Taliban alliance, stood on a podium in the centre of Mazar-i-Sharif for two hours as his forces, including 70 tanks and a squadron of MiG-21s, rumbled by or dipped their wings overhead in salute. Not one of those tanks or jets fired a shot against the Taliban as they advanced from the west this weekend, prompting General Dostum to flee to Tashkent and then Ankara. Never in Afghan history has so much territory been won with so little bloodshed.

The collapse of the north is not complete. Ahmed Shah Massoud, General Dosturo's main ally and former defence minister in the government ex-pelled from Kabul by the Taliban last September, still controls two or three provinces in the north-east. The territory he holds in the mountains and high passes of the Panjshir valley is a very different military prospect to the flatlands of Turkestan. He commands about 20,000 seasoned troops, whose loyalty to their leader appears to be of a different order to that of General Dostum's men. What Massoud and his forces do next is of crucial importance to the peace and security not just of Afghanistan but of Central Asia.

Massoud is an ethnic Tajik, whose inspired guerrilla campaign against the Taliban throughout last winter has been supported by Tajikistan and probably by Russia as well, principally from an airfield at Kulyab, in the southern Tajikistan. This weekend the Tajik President, Imomali Rakhmonov, called an emergency meeting to discuss the burgeoning crisis to the south. He has frequently ex-pressed fears that Afghan conflicts may trigger an uncontrollable influx of refugees into Tajikistan, which shares an 800mile border with Afghanistan and is only now emerging from a five-year civil war of its own.

There are already an estimated 1.8 million people living in Mazar, far more than its or-



proportion of these are fugitives from the Taliban. With the fall he was on the streets of Mazar, of the city, those people with reason to run have nowhere left calling for the population not to be afraid of their new masters to go now but north. and to reopen their shops. General Rozi was instru-

Massoud, or so the theory goes, could lead some or all of his army with them if the Panjshir Valley proves untenable; the arrival of 20,000 battlehardened former Mujahedin would upset the fragile status quo between Tajikistan's excommunist nationalists and Muslim hard-liners, especially if the Talihan decided to pursue them across the border. Russia, which still commands

25,000 border troops in the region, shares the fears of President Rakhmonov. Moscow believes the conflict may spread to Tajikistan's neighbours to the west and north. This weekend Yevgeny Primakov, Russia's Foreign Minister, said the a collective security treaty would be "immediately activated" if the border was violated. However, at the same time the Taliban foreign minister, Mullah Mohammed Ghous, tried to reassure the world that his government "strictly adhered to a policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other coun-

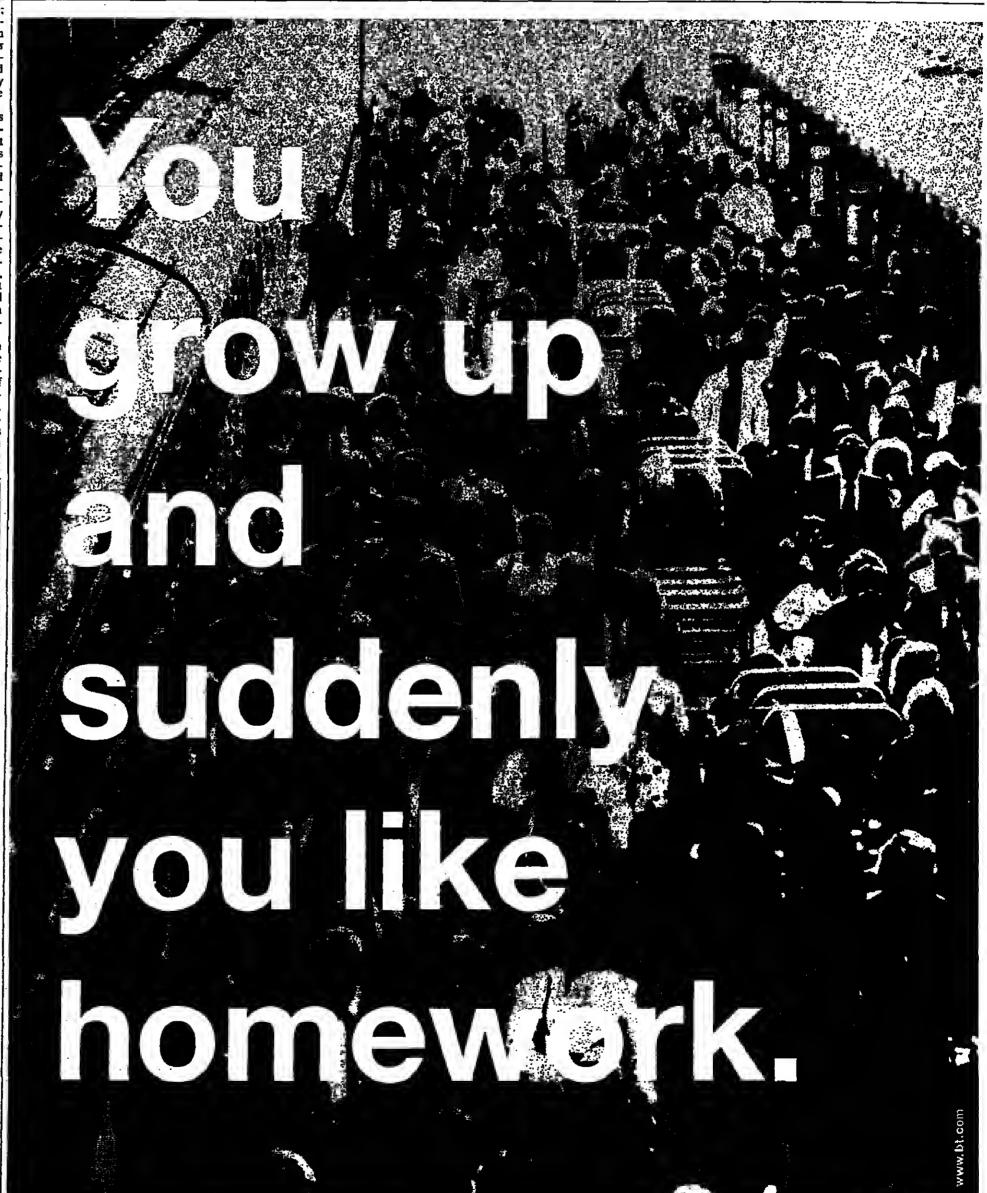
But the word of an Afghan leader is often worthless, as the Russians found to their cost during their 10-year occupation of the country. General Abdul-Majeed Rozi is a case in point. He was one of General Dostum's most trusted commanders and once famously accepted an \$11m (£7m) bribe to capitulate dinary population, and a large to the Taliban and then did

capture of Mazar possible. Interviewed at 18 Division Headquarters on that front line by The Independent only one month ago, General Rozi's antipathy to the fundamentalists from the south seemed sincere. "Maybe the Talibs are not good Muslims," he said. "What Muslim would hit women with sticks?" Who knows what slippery deal the Taliban struck with General Rozi in order to get him to change his mind. "I've been a soldier for 27 years," he said last month. "My job is to take orders. I leave politics to the politicians." Yet he did not hesitate to betray General Dostum. As the Taliban prepares to

move east from Mazar for the final offensive, the world is watching to see whether Mas-soud will have the same probmental in the collapse of the lem with his commanders.



The Diao Yu Tai, a protest boat from Hong Kong, runs into a patrol boat of Japan's Maritime Safety Agency



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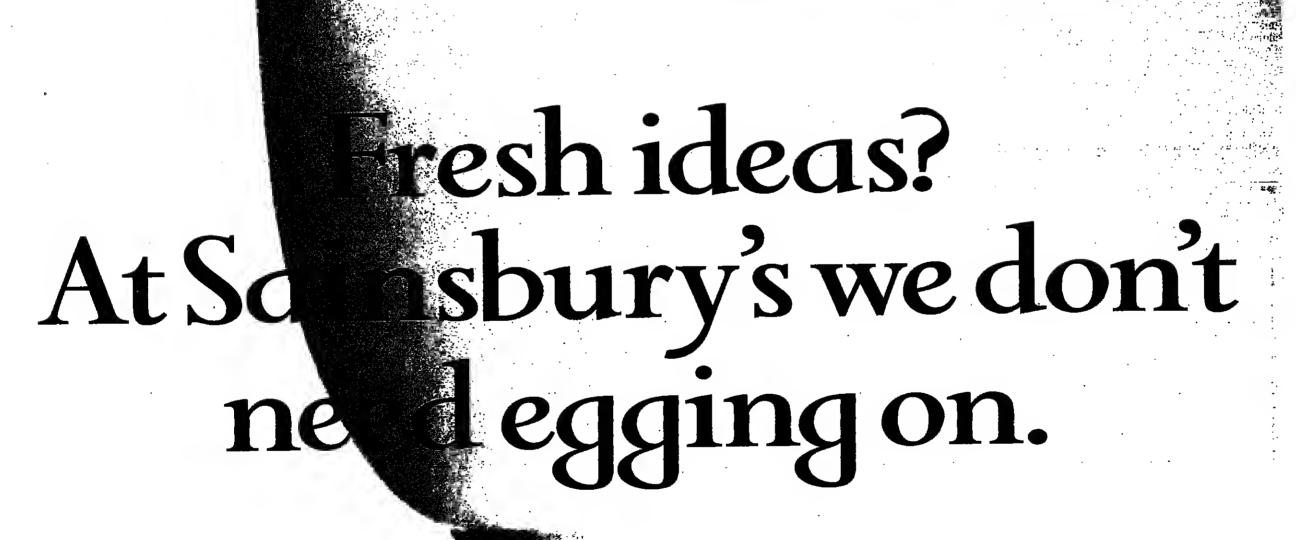
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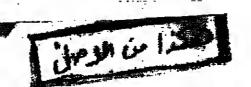
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Iran's new head brings dialogue into the open

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There are portraits of Rimbaud and Braudel on the walls of Morad Saghafi's neat little whal the limits are - because Tehran office, along with piles happy man, rejoicing in the extraordinary election victory of Mohamed Khatemi - not hecause of the new president's personality, but because of what his success represents.

The people asked their candidate to take care of their day-to-day life and not only of their life after death." Mr Saghafi says, and pours himself a glass of scalding hot coffee to help him endure the baking hot Tehran afternoon.

Could the defining moment in Iran's domestic life be better described? "The first thing everyone in the United States, Europe and elsewhere should realise." he goes on - the words confident and carefully phrased is that Iranian society is a livehy political society, and that the things that made people come into the streets have changed in 15 years. They voted before because they supported anti-imperialism and the holy war and the dream of constructing a unified religious society. But this time the people went to the polls for love of freedom and more tolerance."

It is something dear to Mr Saghafi's heart. For his four-yearold magazine Dialogue is slowly becoming one of the most respectable intellectual publications in Tehran, a stimulating collection of articles on Iran's cultural and sociological problems, along with interviews with French philosophers, even with Gary Sick, the US National Security Council adviser during the Iranian hostage crisis.

We want to talk about the Arab-Israeli problem, about our problems with America, our non-rational attitude on counting only on the Russians for our foreign policy," Mr Saghafi says. "We can be very frank and

tyrs and say we are persecuted. newspapers. Our latest issue contained seven articles about democracy and how it could be implemented in Iran."

Dialogue is a quarterly whose circulation has risen from 600, government that is expecting a wheo it began four years ago, to 4,000. A quarter of the budget comes from advertising and the magazine costs only 50 pence. Mr Saghafi, who is 40, is an electrical engineer and keeps



Mohamed Khatemi: Will allow Iranians a 'place to talk'

the rent at bay with two other iobs - but this has not lowered the magazine's standards. The forthcoming election issue is likely to be among its most stimulating, asking readers to understand the implications as well as the results of the poll.

"Khatemi had three times more votes than [the speaker of parliament Ali Akbar] Nateq Nuri ... more than 90 per cent of the electorate voted - which means that Iranian society is not politically dead.

"Civil society here is very proud and is looking for a place to talk; at last they have this possibility with Khatemi."

Dialogue in no way opposes the Islamic revolution - indeed,

we think this is because we it totally accepts the Islamic Redidn't try to play the role of mar- public as a nation that is going to last. Mr Saghafi was out-What we print is what we think raged and frustrated when a Scandinavian reporter asked him if there would one day be a of his latest magazine. And like the rest of his tiny staff, the francophone Mr Saghafi is a happy man, rejoicing in the exto school for the first time. It is an immense amount of work for a government to send 19 million children to school for the first time - so do you think this is a coup?' He was ridiculous."

> zine and its graduate founders are important because they represent the intellectual society that has been waiting for a hatemi to win the presidency. They were not uncritical of the new president, who holds a BA in philosophy and an MA in education, but have shrewdly noted that "his mind became more open after each speech he made", and, "as minister of Islamic Guidance, he gave a new life to the Iranian press".

Morad Saghafi's little maga-

Iranian intellectuals do not fall into the Western trap of believing that a power struggle is inevitable between President Khatemi and the conservative clerics who supported his rival in the elections. True, as Mr Saghafi points out, "every politician is limited by his electoral entourage"; but cohabitation hetween conservatives and liberals is not impossible in the next government.

Mr Saghafi, however, sitting in an office that smells of printer's ink and fresh coffee, has few illusions. No one here has forgotten the euphoria that greeted President Rafsanjani's first election victory eight years ago - and how his ambitions became hlunted by the bureaucracy and internecine power-struggles that followed. "I don't know if Khatemi will continue as he has campaigned or become part of the establishment like the oth-

ers," Mr Saghafi concludes. "Yes, we all remember how happy we were at first after Rafsanjani's election."

Turkey hails rout of Kurdish foes

As the Turkish offensive against Kurdish guerrillas in northern Iraq enters its 11th day, the generals who planned it are suggesting that modern Turkey's most extensive cross-border operation may turn into its

The Turks have announced that large areas of northern Iraq are now clear of guerrillas from the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), and that the main rebel camps have been destroyed. Now, some are saying it may be several months before their men leave the area.

They are playing up the success of the operation. The Turks say they have killed 1,750 guerrillas, more than double the number reported killed during the last comparable crossborder operation, in 1995. Important PKK camps at Airus and Zap, lying 55km and 25km inside Iraqi territory, have been taken, and hundreds of tons of food and ammunition seized. If you believe the Turkish General Staff; this is one of the most successful operations in recent

Army may outstay its welcome in northern Iraq, writes Christopher de Bellaigue in Ankara

warfare, and only 18 Turkish soldiers have been killed.

The trouble is that few do helieve this, although it would not be politic for Turkish newspapers, which faithfully reproadmit it. Non-military sources in Diyarbakir, the Turkish town which the PKK wishes to become capital of independent Kurdistan, estimate PKK dead at no more than 300. Likewise, the Turkish casualty figures are considered "miraculous". More scientific enumeration is difficult; journalists, whose shocking photographs of the 1995 operation helped to swing international opinion away from the Turks, were prevented from crossing the border for the first week of the operation.

Hostile international opinion is one reason why European diplomats in Ankara are not in-

operation will last until the au- Barzani is happy to take over tumn. Should the Turks remain in northern Iraq much longer than the 45 days they stayed in 1995, allies such as the Americans, who try to be supportive duce the military's figures, to of such offensives, would get twitchy. So might Iraq, which despite being barred from crossing the 36th parallel into northern Iraq, has protested loudly. For the moment, however, the Turks are reassuring foreigners that the military's rhetoric has little foundation. Last Thursday's protest by Kurds inside the UN's European headquarters in Geneva was more noisy than well-attended.

One reason for this is that some Iraqi Kurdish leaders are happy for the Turks to intervene. Among them are Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), one of the two factions jostling for clined to believe talk that the control of the region. Mr

want to prevent the PKK from returning to their old camps in northern Iraq. But KDP support for Turkish presence in the region is not open-ended. Nor is the patience of the local poputhe border areas that have been "liberated" by the Turks from the PKK. The KDP, which is lation, which feels no more sympathy for the Turks than for the often thuggish PKK.
Turkey's objective is not to providing military and logistic support for the Turks, claims that the PKK clears villages keep troops in northern Iraq at whose inhabitants support Mr prohibitive expense but to bro-

Barzani and press-gangs youths

into fighting the Turks.
While the KDP takes pos-

session of land along the bor-

der, PKK guerrillas, who

number no more than 4,000 in

the region, appear to be head-

ing east. Some have sought

refuge in areas controlled by the KDP rival in the region, the

PUK. Others may go further

and enter Iran, which Turkey

ing PKK militants. Once across

the horder they will be un-

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incursions into Iran, even in

"hot pursuit" of PKK guerrillas,

will meet with force.

has often accused of harbour-

and the PUK. This peace, the Turks hope, would produce the political stability which is nec-essary if the PKK is to be denied a permanent home. Turkey's shorter-term objective is more modest. It is to cripple the PKK, so that the

ker a peace between the KDP

In the long run, the Turks

organisation is unable to launch attacks in late summer and

If the Turks can smash the PKK's logistics, delay the return of the guerrillas to northern Iraq and bolster their own morale with imaginative casualty figures, then their job will have been well done.

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There are rumblings in the colonies. Or rather, there are rumblings in the dependent territories, the term by which the patches of land still run from London are known.

All bar one are specks of colour on the map, where once whole swathes of continents were red. After the vast wave of decolonisation that hegan with India in 1947 and finishes with Hong Kong on 30 June, a mere handful of territories remain. Only British Antarctic Territory (BAT) is of any great size. The largest by population is

They are, apart from BAT and Gibraltar, islands; most are relics of the days when the Royal Navy ruled the waves. Only two (Ascension Island and Diego Garcia) have any military significance now, and that is mainly for the Americans, not Britain. Many bave been linked to Britain for centuries. Each has a governor, who will (from time to time) put on his plumed hat. He is the representative of the Queen; government is mostly run by him with a group of local representatives, with the precise balance of power different everywhere. Foreign affairs and defence rest with London, which can also use reserved powers to block, pass or supersede legislation.

None is likely to part company with Britain any time soon, which is why this probably is the end of Britain's long retreat from Empire. Yet that leaves the problem of ruling a very disparate and far-flung group of territories.

Three (the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and Gibraltar) are claimed by other states (the first two hy Argentina, the last by Spain) and the inhahitants are fiercely intent on staying British. The remainder value the link for other reasons. whether because of old loyalties. commercial or political advantages or aid and trade. None of that means that the dependent

colonies will remain. We begin a series on the dependent territories which want to stay British - but under new terms

happy, though. The primary cause of unhappiness is the British Nationality Act of 1981. which stripped them of full Brinsh citizenship and created the hybrid of British Dependent Territory Citizenship. Many see this as a second-class citizenship. Significantly, many point out, both Gibraltar and the Falkland Islanders were exempted from it; and both are populated largely by people of European stock. It seems to many people a straightforwardly racist piece of

The principal reason for the Act was to prevent an influx of immigrants from Hong Kong; hut after June, that ceases to be an issue. Pamela Gordon, the Premier of Bermuda, acknowledges that debate ahout immigration rules before the handover of Hong Kong sparked fears in Britain of an invasion of Hong Kong Chinese. Such anxieries should not apply to Bermudians, she said, implying that few would actually feel tempted by Britisb life.

"It is not as if every Bermudian is guing to get up and go
over to England; England is a
country with many of its own

None the less, all of the dependent territories that were affected by changes in British

can work in Britain, the rankland Islands or Ascension isfected by changes in British Citizens left behind press for rule change

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problems. When you are in a country that has one uf the best per capita incomes in the world. the likelihood of scores of Bermudians picking up and emigrating to Britain would be slim to none".

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outside employment. "Saints, inhabitants of one of Britain's first colonies, feel badly let down. Though reports earlier this year of riots were untrue, there is a lot of bad feeling.

The remaining territories feel that they get important ben-efits from the Union Flag, despite the fact that many of the Caribbean dependencies are increasingly closer to the US than to Britain. Bermuda voted in a referendum only two years ago to stay British.

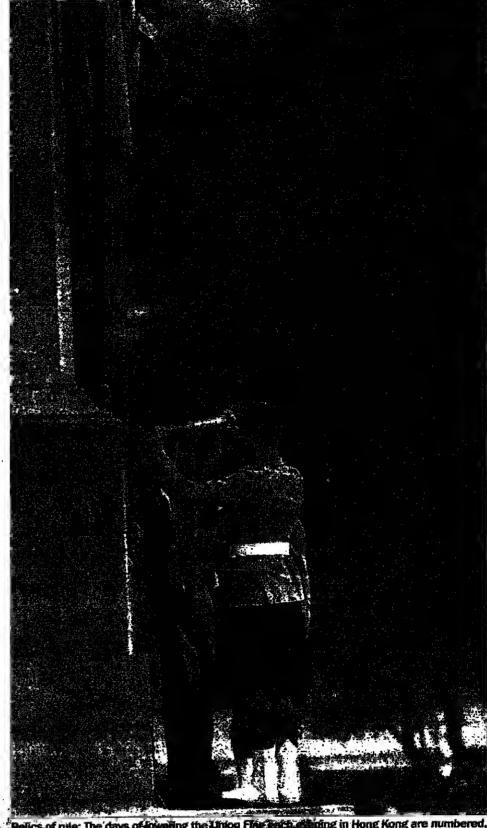
They are very geographically dispersed, with one group in the Caribbean, a scattering in the Atlantic, Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean and tiny Pitcairn island in the Indian Ocean. Four (Gibraltar, Bermuda, the Falklands and the Cayman Islands) have representative of-fices in London. It is difficult to see how policymaking to-wards them can be anything but

revision in their status. The The dependent territories rules particularly badly affect St Helenans. There is very high unall feel, to varying degrees, that they are misunderstood, neemployment on St Helena, yet the inhabitants still have to obglected or misused by the For-eign Office, which administers tain work permits before they them. "They don't always think when they're dealing with the DIs," says one source.

None the less, all resent the

idea that they might be transferred to the new Ministry of International Development, seeing the FCO as a higherprofile home. "They would feel insulted" at a transfer, one source said.

All of them would like to bave more a voice in London, and especially with the Com-monwealth. Though each is recognised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, which ties together the group's legislatures, none has any representation with the Commonwealth itself. The Government will be asked to press the said ahead of the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh in October. It is, as officials admit, a small point; but it is symptomatic of the neglect and ignorance from which the dependent territories feel they



Tomorrow Bermuda but remaining territories are unlikely to part company with Britain Photograph: Tom Pilston

Andrew Marshall and David Usborne

Britain's remaining dependent territories will press for a relaxation of immigration rules once Hong Kong returns to the Chinese fold, senior officials have told The Independent. Hong Kong is by far the

largest of the remaining red specks on the map in population terms. When it is gone, what was once the world's largest empire will amount to 16 territories and about 200,000 people.

Destined to hecome the largest, in population terms, of Britain's remaining Dependent Territories after the handover of Hong Kong next month, Bermuda has served notice that it will press for a relaxation of the rules that force Bernardish stoto the other countries channel at

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the Heathrow arrivals hall. "It's made prisoners on their own is-an irritant," said Pamela Gordon, land by the virtually worthless the premier of Bermuda, in an interview with The Independent. She says she plans to raise a range of immigration issues with the Blair government following the Hong Kong transfer.

Any presentation to the Government will stop far short, however, of a request for full right uf abode for Bermudians in the United Kingdom. Bermuda, a speck in the Atlantic, has no interest in such an arrangement if would entail Britons gaining the equivalent right to settle without hindrance in Bermuda.

Other territories are also pressing for a change in the rules; they feel badly disadvantaged by the 1981 British Na-

land by the virtually worthless **Pritish Dependent Territories** Citizen passports, issued mamly to prevent a flood of Hong Kong immigration to Britain. But many of the territories

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nationality law will want some

want to press for a higher profile, Many feel hard done by by the Foreign Office, which they call "thoughtless", and forgotten by the Government. They are equally worried by suggestions that they may be

transferred to Clare Short's Ministry for International Bevelopment. This would lack logic, they say, for those former colonies that are not aid recipients - the Falklands, Cayman But more than that, they feel it tionality Act. The population of would be a downgrading, and, have suffered.

St Helena, one of Britain's oldest colonies, feel they have been one, "a slap in the face".

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Race-hate ads add a nasty significant shorts new flavour to Canada poll

Hugh Winsor Ottawa

A series of attack television advertisements from the west Canada based Reform Party, claiming that Quebec-born political leaders such as the Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien, cannot he trusted to deal with national unity, has injected a nasty note of ethnic prejudice into Canada's election campaign.

The television commercials, which feature unflattering pho-tographs of Mr Chrétien, the Conservative Party Leader Jean Charest, the Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe and the Quebec Premier, Lucien Bouchard, began running on public and private networks on the weekend.

The tracking poll by Reuters-Zogby on Sunday showed sup-port for Reform had grown from 16.9 to 19.3 per cent. The attempt to blame promi-

nent Quebec-based politicians for Canada's problems of national unity because of their Frenchness marks the first time in a modern federal election campaign that any party has ex-plicitly targeted Quebeckers because of their ethnicity or

their language.
The airing of the advertisements prompted a barrage of criticism of the Reform Party Leader, Preston Manning, for stirring up English-French tension to shore up his party's sup-

attempt to snag rural voters in Ontario, the province which delivers one-third of the seats to the Canadian parliament and which is seen as a stronghold for Mr Chrétien and the Liberal Party.

The new, frontal attack on Quebeckers appears to be a response to the recent surge in support for Mr Charest at the expense of Bloc Quebecois. the branch of the Quehec separatist movement which runs candidates in federal elections.

well in Quebec, this is likely to have an echo in Englishspeaking Canada, esp Ontariu. Secondly, if the Bloc Quebecois appears to be fading, it is harder to argue that a tough anti-Quebec party, such as Reform, is needed to counteract it.

There are already some indications that the advertise-ments could backfire, by stressing the extremist image of the Reform Party, which it has been trying to play down. One of Mr Charest's Con-

'If anybody hates Quebec, and if anybody hates the French, or if you hate anybody at all, then go to the Reform Party, because

Mr Manning is counting on his Reform Party replacing the Bloc as the official opposition in parliament, a move that could be the stepping stone to power in the next election, four

The Conservative revival. propelled by Mr Charest's performance, is threatening the Manning scenariu un two

they are the party of hate' servative candidates in Ontario, Dennis Timbrell (who was formerly a senior minister in the Ontario provincial govern-ment), took up that theme on

> "If anybody hates Quebec. there's a party for them. It's called Reform. If they hate the French, there's a party for them. If you hate anybody, go to party of hate."

inject some humour into the situation by telling audiences in various communities in Ontario that the Conservative Party did not require people to produce their birth certificates to attend his rallies.

The suggestion that where you are born should determine whether you should he prime minister of the country is . to say the least, offensive," Mr Charest added. It's obvious Mr Manning's campaign has reached a new low.

The leader of the Reform Party bas now said the commercials may have heen misinterpreted and that he has nothing against Quebeckers, only that they have dominated the dehate about national unity for tuo long. The Reform Party has virtu-

ally no support in Quehec and is only fielding candidates in 5 of the 75 Quebec ridings. Nev-ertheless, Mr Manning claims that his proposal to reduce the scope of the national government and to decentralise most of its functions to the various provincial governments, in-cluding the Quebec govern-ment, is a viable strategy for national unity.
The Prime Minister is also

attempting to confront Mr Manning directly on the issue and will be spending the next two days in Alberta and British Columbia, where the Reform Party has most support.

Sierra Leone coup force hunts down ex-ministers

Troops in Sierra Leone's capital searched houses looking for ministers of the former civilian government yesterday, a day after a military council seized power. Military sources said five former ministers were detained at the military headquarters. South Africa joined the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in condemning Sunday's coup, which put an end to just over a year of civilian rule.

The coup leaders, led by Major Johnny Paul Koromah said they wanted to hring rebels of the Revolutionary United Front into the government to consolidate an elusive peace in the civil war. Reuters - Free Reuters - Freetown

Kabila bans rivals' rallies

President Laurent Kabila's administration banned all activities of political parties and public demonstrations in the capital of Zaire, Kinshasa, until further notice, citing a need to ensure security. The crackdown followed a weekend decision by the

veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi to stage fresh protest marches in the city tomorrow and Friday. US officials in Paris said that the Secretary of State, Madelcine Albright, is to send the UN ambassador Bill Richardson for the first senior-level US talks with Mr Kahila since the former rebel took power in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will push for a broad-hased government that would pursue economic and political reforms. Reuters - Kinshasa

Churches condemn burning

Religious leaders denounced a weekend arson attack on a Lübeck church by right-wing extremists and vowed it would not influence their campaign to uphold the rights of asylum-seekers in Germany. Suspected neo-Nazis daubed swastikas on the facade of St Vicelin Church and started a fire which spread to the church early on Sunday. They also scrawled the name of a local priest whose parish is sheltering a family of asylum-seekers to prevent their deportation to Algeria. Reuters - Bonn

Louvre reopens after strike

The Louvre museum reopened yesterday after striking guards ended a five-day blockade in exchange for a promise of talks with the management over their Reuters - Paris

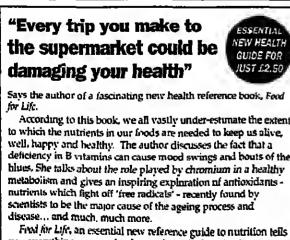
Clinton recalls war sacrifice

President Bill Clinton led a Memorial Day tribute to the nation's war dead and warned that the United States must meet its responsibilities to avoid mistakes that led to past wars. Using the hackdrop of white tomhstones that fill Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, he set the stage for his trip to Europe this week, designed to deal with a post-Cold War Europe. Reuters - Washington

Vet keeps his mouth shut

An Indian vet on a hunger strike in protest against unemployment yesterday stitched his lips together to avoid being forcibly fed, the Press Trust of India said.

The news agency said Partha Pratim Kar, on strike for 17 days, had been without a job since he completed his training in 1991 in the northeastern state of Tripura. Reuters - New Delhi



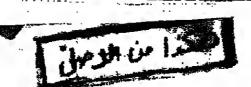
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Europe must listen to the French electorate the straight and narrow—that the comparty and what M. Blair brings to party and what M. Jospin or indeed party

from the French election result for the good and simple reason at co-operation and interpretation and interp for the good and simple reason that co-operation and integration will not work unless they are hased on popular endorsement expressed periodically by national electorates. No agreement, no extra measures of integration. Genuine Europhiles do not hang on every communique issued from summits in Brussels or Dutch seaside resorts. Instead, the Europe of their imagining is a popular edifice, built necessarily gradually - on the assent of the inhabitants of this and other member countries to empirical measures to liberalise trade and movement while moving towards common-sense harmonisation of standards in tax as in

employment. It cannot be a rush job. Sunday's result in France is ambigupus in all sorts of ways but clear in this respect – a large number of French meo and women are unhappy both with the prospect of a single currency and the way it is being prepared for. A pause for further thought would now be welcome. especially if it were accompanied by measures to alleviate the national sore of youth joblessness. (No one should pretend that that is going to be easy: French unemployment has as much to do with state social costs as deflation for the sake of joining the single currency.) Nonetheless, if Lionel Jospin forms a government after next weekend's run-

Germans. The socialists' advance should thus emphasise the wisdom of Tony Blair's warning at the Noordwijk sommit last week - that there has to be more focus on "the issues that matter to the people".

There should no mistaking the radicalism of that frame of reference. There is no popular backing for a common cur-rency in France; German misgivings are suppressed only by the suffocating hold Chancellor Kohl has on Bonn politics. Meanwhile, if the people not just of this country but of the other member states were directly consulted, scant evidence of support would be found for much of the treaty on further integration which Mr Blair, Kohl and the rest were in Holland to start negotiating. Maastricht II, as it is dubbed, is for the most part neither necessary nor wished for. Given the stance taken by the British government and the desire among other leaders to palliate Mr Blair, it now looks as if the new treaty will be a minimalist document. It will be all the better for that. Go through the clauses and mark them in terms of popular will.

Some do attract support. Under the Social Chapter, there is a balance to be struck between British labour market liberalism and Continental controls. Labour is right to make a sticking off, he will be committed to a major point of the national border. There



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clearly is a difference of view, as there should be, between this country and, say, the Dutch, Belgians and other Schengen countries (though the coherence of that group has yet to survive the accession of the Greeks) which suggests this issue should not become Euro-law. Far better to let co-operation develop piecemeal, as for example in the joint passport and customs control regime now in operation on Eurostar.

There is, without a doubt, an enervating gap between popular sentiment and the institutions of European union - a gap which the European Parliament .

yet begun to fill. It is a gap deepened whenever ministers and presidents and chancellors attend summits but fail to return full of explanation - to report back on the benefits of Europrojects. Enthusiasts for closer European cooperation often quite rightly bemoan the absence of advocacy of the benefits of membership, as when Cornish fishermen drive to protest meetings along roads partly paid for by the European regional budget. That advocacy ought also to take the form of explanation.

This is what has gone missing in France. Jacques Delors now says - in

to be about social justice; that an "economic government", ie political control, was always meant to be built into the operations of the European central bank. But he has done a remarkably poor job in keeping his fellow citizens up to speed, and convincing them that French deflation really is a price worth paying.

The reason he has not done so is because the single currency has, hitherto, been a scheme of political and economic élites whose arguments are to some extent based on unproven theories. In Sarcelles and other benighted suburbs of French cities, they need more convincing. If M Jospin cannot manage, he should pull out.

As they contemplate this French result, Messrs Blair and Cook should draw two lessons. One - as if they needed it, given results in Putney and elsewhere a month ago - is the utter irrelevance of organised or ideological Euro-scepticism. The French electorate may be confused but it is in no identifiable sense anti-Europe. But what manner of Europe? The British leaders should hold hard to their expressed intent of fashioning European institutions that speak to people's lives and interests and sentiments. It would be boastful for the British to claim that the landscape of European politics has changed with the advent here of might eventually but certainly has not order to keep his socialist colleagues on Labour. Yet even a cursory comparison might in itself perpetrate an injustice.

between what Mr Blair brings to the party and what M Jospin or indeed the putative substitutes for Herr Kohl such as Gerhard Schröder have to offer is telling. When Labour talks about offering Europe new leadership, it is not because they have some kind of future map - such historicist pretensions have no place. The leadership Europe needs is one that understands and communicates with the people of Europe.

Time to pardon wronged soldiers

There can be no statute of limitations Loo seeking to right a past wrong, especially one that involves the Government, which has the capacity to change its official mind. All the evidence suggests that during the First World War, numbers of British soldiers were wrongly convicted and executed for alleged desertion from the front. Some people might think, given the nature of that war, that desertion was no ignoble act. But the campaigners' point is that British military tribunals erred and official records need to be amended. The new government should respond warmly to requests to re-examine the files. It should, however, proceed on a case-by-case basis, since any blanket issuing of pardons

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Human rights: beware the Kiwi model

Sir: You report (23 May) that the Conservative Party has dropped its opposition to the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights. This is very good news. For the first time we will have positive rights to privacy and fair trial, freedoms of expression. religion and assembly. However, the real test of the commitment of the new parliament will be whether it is prepared to allow the courts to give a higher status to the convention than other legislation.

The Canadians have managed to develop devices that preserve the swereignty of their parliament whilst also giving rights the importance they deserve within the constitution. The alternative model eaing discussed comes from New Zealand, which remains inadequate. In New Zealand, where there is a conflict between rights and statute, statute prevails. In this country, this would mean that the individual who was able to show to he satisfaction of the domestic court that his or her convention rights had been violated would nevertheless lose the case. The

men ex-ministers

Strasbourg for redress. The Labour Party's consultation paper, published in December, proposes that Parliament would be expected to change the law in any case where the domestic courts had found that the primary legislation did not comply with the convention. Unfortunately if it did not do so the domestic courts would be powerless to do anything other than to remind Parliament every time a similar case came

"loser" would then still have to

petition the commission in

The danger with this approach is. of course, that if a case concerned an unpopular group of people, such as suspected terrorists, travellers or protesters, or was controversial in some other way, as many human rights cases are, then Parliament might never get round to changing the law. The law would theo he in a mess, with the courts finding riolations and Parliament taking no action to remedy the situation. Finally, after another five or so years the "loser" might succeed in Strasbourg, whiging the Government then to make the necessary reforms. JOHN WADIIAM Director, Liberty Lividon SE1

Father's fight against abortion

Sir. Abortion is a thorny subject; hut I was stung your report (23 May about the Kellys from Inverkeithing, Fife, Patricia Wynn Davies states that an interpretation in layour of fathers would be tantamount to treating pregnant women as mere receptacles for child-hearing. Would not an interpretation in favour of the wife be tantamount to treating fathers as sperm donors? So much is expected of the New Man - that he be involved in the

beginning, in Inbour, in the the new balw - is it unreasonable to expect that he might want a degree of involvement in the death sentence too. Rouldn't we hrand the particular father an uncaring monster if he simply stood aside and said. Yes let it die "! supporthise with the powerlessness in must be

hate to live in a country where abortion was not available to women io need - but I cannot justify the use of abortion as a means of birth control. Mrs Kelly insists that no one can force her to have a child. Did anyone force her to conceive it? WILNA WHITE Barton-le-Clay, Bedfordshire

West must rein Turkey in

Sir: The LIN Secretary-General is right to point out that Turkey's invasion of Iraq is a transgression of Iraq's territorial integrity ("Turks ignore UN's mercy call for Kurds", 19 May) and contrary to the United Nations Charter. The invasion also adds further instability in the region. It was an illegal act and western governments should be demanding

Turkey's immediate withdrawal. Your correspondent also refers to a call to arms from the PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan, and quotes him calling on his people to fight. This is hardly surprising given Turkey's blatant aggression, its denial of basic human rights to the Kurds, the destruction of homes and villages, and murder of civilians including women and children.

However, Mr Ocalan has said that he is not demanding secession from Turkey or changes m recognised national boundaries. He offered a ceasefire under international supervision in return for talks with Turkey without any other preconditions.

The ball is in Turkey's count, but western governments must ensure that Turkey accepts this offer. If:



gentle persuasion does not succeed, then they should end all political I am a happy mother who would and military aid to Turkey forthwith. This dirty war of genocide against the Kurds has got to stop.
JOHN AUSTIN MP (Erith and Thamesmead, Lab) House of Commons London SWI

Life after ban on tobacco cash

Sir: Australia has recent experience with a government ban on tobacco sponsorship of sporting and cultural events (Letters, 22, 24 May). As is now occurring in Britain, many sporting groups feared that the bans would devastate their sports. They argued that because tobacco companies were excluded from print, broadcast, cinema and outdoor advertising, they had open chequebooks to sponsor sport to levels way beyond the rate set by companies who had the choice of using these

other ackertising media.

However, the post-ban situation is salutary. The 13-year Rothmans sponsorship of Rogby League ended in 1995, with Rothmans spending ASSm in cash in addition to paying for promotions, in 1996. this was replaced with A\$6m from a telecommunications company (Optus), with a promise of AS8m per year until a A\$40m package has been achieved. In addition, Qantas paid A\$4m for naming rights to the finals series.

& Hedges sponsorship of the cricket season. Apart from Australia's 3-0 loss to England, there are oo signs that the health of Australian cricket has suffered.

The TV, radio, cinema, billboard and publishing industries have all survived tobacco advertising bans. The Australian experience shows that sport can, too. Associate Professor SIMON CHAPMAN Chair, Action on Smoking and

Woolloomooloo, New South Wales

Sir: Clive Turner of the Tohacco Manufacturers' Association (letter, 24 May) refuses to talk about addiction and talks instead of choice and pleasure. I made a single choice when I was 14 or 15 which has committed me to a daily expenditure at current prices of about £7 and damage to my bealth and the health of my family. I have frequently made the choice to stop smoking, but

Sir: The main reason why sports should not accept tobacco sponsorship is the one least mentioned by anyone - the effect of smoking on athletic performance. As the Army found out many years ago, compared to non-smokers, smoking soldiers are slow

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I'm not up to it.

JON GRAY

Spread the green revolution

Sir: Lord Rogers' maiden speech setting out his vision for an urban revolution (report, 2I May) is to be welcomed, and I hope he gets the support necessary to make it

happen. However, I have reservations about the way the debate seems to be centring on London. It seems sad that Professor Smith, the chairman of a national organisation, in writing a letter to a national oewspaper (Letters, 24 May), can think of no examples to quote from outside central London.

Compared with most other major British cities and to the largely dull and dreary London suburbs, central London is already a remarkably green and attractive place. By all means let us have an urban revolution, but let it be a far-reaching national revolution. not just a showcase in central London. CHRIS WOOD

Finder of the massacre files

Sir: The statement in your article "Jews massacred in Holocaust testrun" (20 May) that my "discovery of parallel files in the American archives forced the British disclosure" of the wartime British

transcripts of the German police and SS radio traffic needs to be corrected.
The American holdings of three

files of the decrypts were released to public inspection as a result of the efforts of a friend and colleague, Professor Richard Breitman of the American University in Washington DC, under the auspices of the American Freedom of Information Act.

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Dr JOHN P FOX

When it's bad to talk

Sir. The argument (leading article, 24 May) that using a mobile phone in a car is no more of a distraction than talking to a passenger or entertaining a child is spurious.

A passenger is aware of the road conditions that the driver is dealing with. In potentially hazardous situations he or she will usually have the sense to shut up. A child can be told that Mum or Dad is too busy to talk just now.

Telephone callers are not aware of the traffic conditions, and it is not so easy for the driver to request them to shut up, particularly if they are semor colleagues or customers. That is why hands-off phones, though preferable to the hand-held variety, are still a distraction that should not be used while driving. MICHAEL PRICE Twyford, Berkshire

Ministry slips on apple skin

Sir: For some time now I have been washing fruit before feeding it to my seven-year-old son, believing that this would remove the pesticide residue oo the skin. I had heard that the Ministry of Agriculture suggest this as a

precautioo.
Sparked by receot reports of pesticide levels six times above the recommended minimum being found in apples, I rang the ministry to check that I was washing thoroughly eoough. The young press officer was vague: "Well, you just run them under the tap, give them a rinse." Irritated by his casualness I pushed further, demanding to know exactly how thoroughly to wash the fruit and on what basis of research it was shown that this would have an effect. "I'll have to get back to you," he said.

Two days later came back the reply: "Sorry, it makes no difference whatsoever. You can't wash pesticide off fruit because it is absorbed into the skin. Peeling is the only solution." I was shocked. as I'm sure many other parents will be, and felt misled by the ministry's advice to wash fruit.

Pesticides are tasteless - that's the fundamental problem. With North Sea Gas, which is odourless, they add a compound so that you can smell it if there's a leak. Surely we could do the same with pesticides, so that above a certain residue level you could taste the stuff. The consumers would then regulate the industry more effectively and cheaply than any government department could ever

PIERS PARTRIDGE

Sir: Improved emissions standards and the closure of dirty incinerators have reduced dioxin output from waste incineration, but despite the assertions of the director of the Energy from Waste Association (letter, 26 May) it still remains one of the larger sources (HMIP 1995 report). Indeed, the higher emissions standards now in operation are being used as a justification for escalating the quantities of waste incinerated.

Incineration, oo matter how technically efficient, will increase human exposure to these poisons, but there are simple and safe alternatives, such as waste reduction, recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion.

Dioxins and PCBs are found everywhere. They are fat-soluble and they concentrate up the food chain. For those who wish to limit their exposure, a reduced consumption of fats and animal produce and more plant-based foods will help. MARTIN HUGHES-JONES for South-west Green Party Sampford Peverell, Devon

Japanese flush

Sir: On a recent visit to Japan I was impressed by their ingenious way of not wasting water in the lavatory.

Their cistern is not directly behind the lavatory, but at one side. It is triangular. Its top is a neat, three-cornered hand basin without a plug above which is the water pipe. When you flush the lavatory, water flows via the hand basin, in which you are washing your hands, to fill the cistern. One single quantity of water washes hands and flushes the lavatory. Simplicity itself, and a huge saving. MARJORIE HEATH

Diss. Norfoli:

Rising demand for housing is creating a building boom in the countryside. Jonathan Glancey visits St Michaels Mead, Hertfordshire and finds an estate fit for a fantasy of traditional living

> sk a child to draw a house," suggests Roger Humber, director of the House Builders Federaion, and you can be pretty sure of the result." You can? Definitely. It will have a pitched roof, tall chiraney, door in the middle and four square windows." We also know that the sun will be shining and that, even for children from single-parent families, a stick murmny and a stick daddy are likely to be smiling, arms spread wide, to greet us. We know this vision only too well, for as well as being the child's ideal of house and bome. it is the one that stays with most of us throughout our lives. In reality, the size and ambition of the

adult bome will vary with income, taste and way of life, yet as Mr Humber will tell you, the ideal is much the same for people up and down the country and up and down the salary scale. Just as well really, for experts are agreed that over the next 20 years up to 4.4 million new homes will be built in Britain to cope with the rising number of households, which is not the same thing as a rise in population. Eighty per cent of these new homes will be bought by single people, the "least predictable segment of the market, according to Mr Humber. By this he means that single people are no longer stereotypical bachelors and spinsters. Their ranks include single parents, those who have divorced. and many who have lovers, children and other dependents - all of whom will want a room of their own when sleeping over. "Single people are buying four- and five-bedroom houses," says Mr Humber, "so housebuilders would be unwise to invest in a spate of onebedroom flats thinking this is the way the market's going. It isn't."

This might all be true, but it doesn't explain why the brochures handed out by Britain's leading housebuilders (a bandful of whom dominate the market) stick to the dream of the gleaming fam-ily living in perfect harmony in their "unique" and "traditional" home, set among green fields and birdsong. The brochure I was given by a very nice sales lady at St Michaels (sic) Mead (any relation to Miss Marple's St Mary Mead?) - "a traditional new village community being created by Countryside Properties ple on the outskirts of the historic market town of Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire" (just look at these words, nearly every one heavily loaded) - is a celebration of the mythical golden family. The hunky blond busband in New Labour weekend gear tosses his blonde. pony-tailed daughter, who sports pastel-coloured leisurewear, into the squeakyclean air as a sparkling blonde wife lays a manicured hand lightly on his manly shoulder and grins with confidence. Here's dad again, this time walking

along a sunlit path in spotless sneakers, carrying one golden child on one arm, one on the other and a third oo his broad shoulders. Not a splash of mud on the children's dungarees, much less a tear or pout on their angelic pink faces. They're on bicycles in a third picture. The son rides serenely on his brand-new bicycle, but his sister needs stabilisers (girls!) and dad, not a bair out of place, lends her a strong, guiding hand. Finally, we see the kids running across an immaculate lawn chasing a puppy which looks as if it might have been sponsored by Andrex; even the dog's blond.

Perhaps your family is exactly like the St Michaels family. Even if it isn't, they really must exist in these smart new traditional houses, each of which "complements and enhances the environ-

I feel I too might want to be a part of at the heart of the estate. The Shropshire's a snip at £179,950, especially the brave and Blairy world of gleaming

mental quality of the area". Hundreds of acres of Green Belt land have been given up to build these new homes, so the least you would expect of the families moving in is that they are model citizens. I happen to know that they are: the extraordinary quietness that envelopes me at St Michaels Mead early on a weekday afternoon tells me so. Nothing stirs. The men - neat, clipped, fit, Aryan - have driven off to work in the glistening company Rover or BMW. The women ever smiling, pert and competent - are out shopping at the Tesco superstore nearby dreaming up exciting menus for hubby's supper (women!). The children are doing well at school.

wrapped land, no birds sing. There are no animals. Flora is neatly docked and carefully tended. Well-mannered young men, employed by the developers, mow communal lawns, reducing them to crew-cut stubble. You feel it would be wrong to whistle or sing. You certainly wouldn't fire up a powerful motorbike bere on a Sunday morning.

It's this enveloping silence that disturbs me as I arrive in a taxi from Bishop's Stortford station. I'm missing the city already. But I want to brave this out: urban bignt confronts the English dream in the guise of The Shropshire. a five-bedroom, double-garaged house

when the price includes fitted Neff kitchen (fridge-freezer, dishwasher), a choice of fire surrounds and, for one week only, fully fitted carpets. It is exciting, this idea of turning the key in a Kentucky Fried Georgian fanlight door and entering a germ-free new house with no bistory, but ready and waiting for that golden family to move in-

I think The Shropshire must be boping I will go away. "Please don't choose me," it seems to say. "I don't want a longhaired, Bohemian, beatnik type with a scruffy old mongrel in tow. I want a proper man who sports razor-sharp creases in his brand-new chinos. I want a golden retriever pup that will never grow old and bendy. I don't want an old Jag or a common motorbike in the garage. I want a virginal company car

and a polished off-roader for weekends."
"Don't worry Shropshire," I whisper
to the ideal family house of the future (a very traditional future). "I promise not to buy you. I'll scuttle back to the city where, in the shadow of St Paul's, I can hear blackbirds sing and watch urban foxes lift the EC1 dustbin lids in search of early hreakfasts, and where the sound of market incries and motorbikes gives way to church bells on

For a few minutes, though, as I listen in rapture to the enticing sales spiel,

families in brand-new houses. I'm sure I could if I gave in to a house like this. Just imagine ... En-suite bathroom with for the "kids". En-suite shower off bedroom number five for the au pair or mother-in-law (mothers-in-law!). Cue to play golf with the lads, sinking a few pints afterwards at the traditional refurbished pub down the lane.

I have never owned a new car (the youngest is my current Jag, which is 10) and nothing like a new home (the youngest was built in 1860 in a late-flowering Italianate style). So naturally, I am awed by a home that has the smell of a new car and promises to run equally well. Yes, the windows are much smaller than in old, as opposed to new, traditional houses (something to do with insulation), and the plastic window frames are not quite like those of oldstyle historic houses (my 1715 sasbes rattle in the wind and could never be described as air-tight). The swirty Artex ceilings are rather a whizz, but I'm not quite man enough for them, preferring my plaster plain. As for traditional deep-pile, wall-to-wall cream carpets, I know I would spill red wine or coffce on them as soon as look at them. No need to worry about soot, ash or scorch marks though; one of the best things

that the chimneys are purely decorative. Nice. An equally happy touch is the smart plastered fin-

ish given to the capacious garages. This is so you can adapt one of them into a playroom (kids!) or put in a workbench and get down to some serious DIY. Hubby could even take up a hobby, or build a model railway (men! just like

It's no use, Shropshire, You're right. When it comes down to it, I don't understand you any more than you want me. I would prefer a timber shack on the edge of the wildest sea to this ersatz traditionalism, this centrally beated cocoon designed to shield sales-brochure families from an increasingly imperfect world. .

idiosyncrasies bowever, don't mean a damn thing to Britain at large. Of those 4.4 million new bomes, the vast majority will be variations on the theme of the Shropshire. They will be the Victorian semis of our day.

Of course they are oot, despite the reassuring words of the material promoting them, in any way traditional. They are, beneath a veneer of Tudor beams and pseudo-Georgian details, as modern as Ford Galaxy. They are rational, minutely costed structures on which a child's drawing of a home has been grafted. Not only are they not traditional, they are not particularly British. The vast new Hertfordshire estate f visited this week is based on north American city-edge prototypes. The sales blurb talks of villages, but St Michaels Mead and its many sibling estates have historic English villages. This makes sense: we have

adopted American ways of living, from clothes to food, from the games we play to the words we say to the places we shop, and now the new traditional homes we

here is no that if we need (or is it want?) all these new homes, we will have to build on land that would otherwise be left green. It is very unlikely that a large percentage of these new homes will be built on "brownfield" sites on the fringe of two light cities. Golden families (or this people who think they are) want greenery and space and cars and golf courses and safe schools and superstores. You can safely expect housebuilders to be steered away from the Green Belt where there is some room (redundant zerodromes, the grounds of former mental hospitals, land around edge-oftown retail centres), but the reality is that we can't have all the houses we want in the style we want ("new traditional")

without gobbling up fields where birds once nested and poppies waved. Those of us who question the wisdom of this relentless home-making in the old sbires will always be a minority. Neither golden nor perfect, we should keep to our eccentric lairs in the city or hus by the sea-shore. Middle England might not be very English any more but it is on the rise, and, whether you like it or not, it will soon be spilling into the

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The curse of the cheerful personality

hat estimable magazine, Prospect, has pulled off something of a coup in its current edition. What is most unusual is that it does not come in the form of an article by a disgruntled politician, or as a piece of investigative journalism. Instead, it takes the shape of a short story by the famous author Frederic Raphael, whose tale features the narrator's relationship over the years with one Methuselah Soames, Soames himself is an awesome polymath, but he is also a windbag, a dilettante and ultimately, a moral failure. In the end, Soames fails to write the novel that he has always been promising, but succeeds nonetheless in convincing the world that the book he hasn't written is far more important than all the novels that the narrator has.

Soames is Jonathan Miller no two ways about it - right down to the stammer. This clear identification makes more interesting the claim in the story that Soames indulged in a bit of horizontal lit-crit with a princess (almost certainly Margaret), telling her "she was beneath him".

when (according to Raphael) "some even say that at the time, it was literally true". Now, Miller is clever and

successful enough to make many uncomfortable. He directs plays and operas, is a wit, a raconteur and a qualified doctor. Peter Mandelson probably visits his house for tea, where they paint watercolours together. But what on earth has he done to justify this piece of fictive vilification? The man himself was bemused. 'Raphael has gone mad!" said Miller, speaking from (where else?) Florence.

There are oo offer (according to the Sunday Times) two explanations for this bit of literary spite. The first has it that Mr Miller got into an altercation with Mr Raphael's son at a Chelsea cinema recently. Tempers

frayed and Miller repeatedly called Raff Jnr a "f****** c***!" I find this hard to believe. What (in a Chelsea cinema) could excite such passions? A yawn during a protracted screen suicide? A fatuous remark about the influence of Noh theatre upon Les Enfants du Paradis? And what do the asterisks stand



David Aaronovitch

for? My guess is "flatulent casuist" - a dreadful insult. This was followed by the ultimate "my dad'll get you" revenge - "my dad'il write a short story about you. Then you'll be sorry!"

The second explanation was given by Jonathan's spouse, Dr Rachel Miller, who recalls that - 40 years earlier - she and Jonathan had not turned up to a Raphaelite dinner party. "He was angry and accused us of insulting behaviour, although so far as I can remember, we simply forgot." It is entirely

typical of female social sensibility that she should recall an occasion that her husband has almost certainly long forgotten.

But can this conceivably be true? I don't mean is this true or not. I do not know the protagonists personally, so I cannot say. No, I mean, can this be true? Is it possible? Can we believe that an mtelligent, successful man such as Frederic Raphael could hold a grudge about a shunned dinner party four decades after the last profiterole was cleared from the table? Consider what has

happened since 1957. We do not own most of Africa, and there is no Soviet Union. Tens of thousands of novels have been written, plays and operas produced, and millions of people have been born and died. In 40 years, the protagonists themselves must have changed a great deal, weathered by loss and love. Could arryone fall out over something so small and maintain the animosity for so long?

They can indeed, for there is such a thing as the one-way feud. The checrful, careless

person turns up to this party and sbuns that one as convenience dictates. It is of little significance, after all. Nor are they worried if others treat them in the same way. They are secure

and tolerant. But consider Maleficent in Sleeping Beauty. The invitation to the christening has gone astray, or there are too few gold plates to go round. So she gatecrashes the party, lays a curse on the princess, and sure enough - turns up 16 years later to do the wicked deed. She must have been really, really pissed off.

This may be the horrid homage that the insecure and ambitious pay to those who breeze through life being happy and - even worse paying their obsessive counterparts too little attention. "If I had done something to disparage him or to undermine or to deny his place in the world, I could imagine him writing a furious piece. But there isn't." Miller says plaintively. You couldn't even disparage the guyl God, Ionathan, what a hastard you

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t the Oxford Union last week I spoke against the motion that "this House believes that the Internet heralds the demise of the nation state" and I was quite surprised state" and I was quite surprised to end up on the losing side — 96 members voted in favour and 69 against. Perhaps it was my want of eloquence that led to my side's defeat, or perhaps it was because many people — many young people! — are much more worried about this new medium than I had realised.

If you can judge the health

If you can judge the health of an institution by its ability to reproduce itself, then the nation state is in fine form. Out of the wreck of the Soviet Union emerged a clutch of new examples. Likewise in the case of Yugostavia: while we may not greatly admire the political arrangements of some of the successors to the old communist federation - Serbia Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Bosnia - all but Bosnia fit the definition that a nation state is one where the great majority of citizens are con-scious of a common identity and share the same culture.

For this reason, no doubt, the motion was expressed in soft words: "heralds" the dis-appearance of the nation state. Even so, the assumption is that the Internet will have a much more profound impact than earlier advances in communications. On the con-

significant developments, starting with the organisation of postal services in the 1840s, big improvements in newspaper production and distribution after 1860 and the introduction of the telephone towards the end of the century, followed more recently by radio transmission and television.

What is seen as worrying about the Internet is that as text, sound, pictures and moving images are transmitted from computer screen to computer screen without regard to national boundaries, a whole world is created - cyberspace. In this new territory, business transactions may go untaxed, copyright unenforced, and national systems for protecting children from pornography or the depiction of violence ignored. Because nobody controls the Internet, it is seen as essentially lawless. As the Internet grows, the coercive power of states will be weakened and their tax revenues will shrink.

This analysis, it seems to me, seriously underestimates the power of states. Even if a business enterprise were conducted solely through the internet, say the product were a computer game and payment were made by keying in credit card details, it would still require staff and premises. In this country, employees would be paid through the PAYE system run by the Inland Revenue. Their offices would be registered as liable for business rates. The enterprise would presumably want to benefit from the advantages that incorporation as a limited company confers. All these are points where the authorities could intervene, discover the nature of the business and tax it accordingly. The situation would of technophobia".



Andreas Whittam Smith

The Net is seen as essentially lawless. But we should not underestimate the power of the nation state

relation to a particular illness trary, I see it as simply the latest of a series of may put some national health systems under pressure to improve their performance, but the

be similar in every functioning nation state.

States have always faced problems in policing and taxing extraterritorial activities,

whether they be the international art markets, shipping

under foreign flags or foreign banking. Copyright is ignored anyway in much of the world.

Pornography can be sent

through the post. Despite this,

states still largely succeed in imposing their will on their citizens. I cannot see what is so

special about the Internet that

it brings problems more formi-dable than any faced in the past.

A second argument made by the advocates of the motion was

that the Internet, by making it easy for people to form interest

groups across national bound-aries, insidiously dissolves

notions of a common identity

and shared culture. Certainly if you open up a Web site which, for example, encourages suffer-

ers from a particular disease to

swap notes about the condition

and about the course of their ill-

ness, together with news about the latest research and preven-

tative measures and so on, a

group will form from all over the

world. It will be a global rather

than a national community of

sufferers. Yet this is an admirable

feature of the Internet, precisely

what it is good at facilitating.

Indeed, a more widespread knowledge of best practice in

state as such is not thereby weakened. The Internet is a dumb instrument; it is there to be used. Web sites can provide support for those who believe in a United States of Europe or, equally well, urge the cause of Basque nationalism. They can be used to extend the global reach of consumer brands, or to promote a local neighbourhood. Moreover, the Internet is not a medium open only to rich individuals and wealthy companies. Anybody who possesses a computer and modern at home, and is prepared to learn some simple programming language, can create a Web site.

Nation states are neither made nor namade by improvements in methods of communication. Particular forms of government may be weakened, which is why the very same states that jam the BBC World Service, that keep out Western newspapers and books and that tightly control ownership of fax machines, also discourage access to the Internet. But nation states emerge or disappear primarily as a result of political calculation and brute force. How else would one explain why Belgium and Greece obtained their independence in 1830 and 1832 respectively, while Ireland had to wait until 1922?

The Royal Family has a very popular Web site. Her Majesty's advisers have not seen the threat that Oxford espies. I believe that underlying the wit, insight and erudition of the supporters of the motion was an irrational fear of the future. My beadline for a report of the debate would be: "Oxford suffers mild attack

Reading the runes of the French election

by John Lichfield



Left standing: Socialist leader Llonel Jospin addresses his supporters following last Sunday's vote Photograph: Reuters

those kaleidoscopic, multiple pictures for children, which look quite different, depending on bow you tilt them. View One: It was a great day

he first round of the French parliamen-

tary election reflects perfectly the mood

of the country - con-fused, disaffected and divided.

The electoral landscape of

France has become fragmented almost to the degree of political pointillisme. There were

more candidates and more

small parties than ever. The

mainstream parties, left and right, took the smallest share of

the vote in recent history. Fewer candidates were elected

on the first ballot - just 12 out of 577 - than in any previous two-round election. The turn-

out was the lowest for 40 years,

except one. There were more than one million spoiled ballot

The results add up to one of

for the left, especially the Socialists and their leader Lionel Jospin. Four years after being crushed to a mere fifth of the seats in the National Assembly, the left, including the greens, scored more than 42 per cent of the vote. The Socialists, with 25.5 per cent, became, once again, the biggest single party in France.

View Two: It was an overall victory for the right. If you include the National Front and several fringe parties, the right captured 51 per cent of the vote. This could yet translate into an ignominious victory for the centre-right government in the second round on Sunday and spare President Chirac (who called the election nine months early) the embarrassment of five years of awkward cohabitation with the left.

View Three: Whatever happens this Sunday, it was a shat-tering humiliation for Prime Minister Alain Juppé and his governing coalition of the tradi-tional right, consisting of the Gaullist RPR and the UDF alliance of small centre-right parties. Their combined score inst over 31 per cent - was their lowest in nearly 40 years since the establishment of the Fifth Republic. If you include those who did not vote, or spoiled their papers, less than one in four French people voted to prolong the Government.

View Four: It was a menacing new high watermark for the National Front. The far-right, anti-immigrant, anti-European, anti-American party scored its highest vote - 15 per cent - in any national election. It will probably win no more than two

or three seats on Sunday but its voters (not its leaders) hold the fate of the election. And yet ...

View Five: The 1997 election may mark the beginning of the decline of the NF leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen. For the first time, the NF score as a party matched the best performance of Le Pen as an individual (in the last presidential election). The campaign was marked by public disagreements between "Le Chef" and his lieutenants, both loyalists and dissidents. The result suggests that the NF can survive without the rumbustious personality of Le Pen. But can it thrive?

It could be argued that the system of two-round elections is designed to accommodate this kind of fragmentation and cussedness and still deliver a clear result on the second weekend. It allows the French electorate to kick the political cat before taking a second, more hard-headed look at the best of the poor choices on offer.

This is the theory. The problem this time is that the overwhelming desire of the French people, as expressed on Sunday, was for change. The oddities and complexities of the electoral system are quite likely to deliver them the opposite - no change. In a sense, however, the mud-

in the electorate. France wants change but it is also terrified by change. It wants an end to high unemployment and high taxes. But how? It fears the liberal, Anglo-Saxon route of marketopening, welfare-state-shrinking reform. It equally distrusts the swing of the Socialists back towards statist solutions. The majority of French people are vaguely supportive of the Euro-pean Union and the single cur-

erhaps the best compari-son is Britain in the 1970s, when voters lurched between the major parties. despairing of both and increasingly seeing little difference between them. The clearest single message of Sunday's vote is that France urgently needs nev

rency; hut they are also nag-gingly apprehensive about what EMU will bring.

faces and new ideas. What now? The system is so complex and the variables so variable that a firm prediction for next weekend is a joh for Deep Blue, the computerised chess grandmaster.

Will more, and different, people vote next time? More leftists may join the battle, hut the higgest proportion of abstentions were in the centre-

dled result reflects the muddle right. President Chirac and his supporters will hope to scare them into turning out to stop a

left-wing government.

How will the NF voters jump? The key to the whole election will be the 79 seats in which there will be a three-way contest between the centreright, the left and the National Front. To have a chance of winning, the left probably needed to have more triangular contests - as many as 100 - to split the right-wing vote more effectively. In other scats, where NF candidates have been eliminated, the farright vote should mostly emigrate to the centre-right government Prime Minister Juppe has

intervened, with doubtful constitutional propriety, by saying that he will stand down if the centre-right wins on Sunday. Will this bring enough nonvoters and NF voters back into the Government camp? President Chirac can be assumed to have pushed Mr Juppé from behind. But the president now faces a dilemma. All the likely alternative prime ministers - parliament president Philippe Seguin, rising UDF force François Bayrou. former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur - might use

the job to challenge Chirac for the presidency in 2002. Logic and simple arithmetic

suggests that the left should win on Sunday. Past experience suggests the centre-right may scrape home. The problem is that this would give five years in power to a government with no man-date to take painful decisions on behalf of an electorate which would feel - once again - that its democratic will had been cheated. Several commentators bave made the comparison with 1967, when the right polled disastrously in the first round and the bourgeoisie poured out in the second round to block the left. The following year, the country was convulsed by student and worker uprisings.

In 1997 and 1998, events for France, in the economy and in the negotiating chamber in Brussels, are likely to turn sharply worse before they turn better. There is little sign of an upturn in job creation. Insistent leaks from within the finance ministry suggest that France will have to take harsh, deflationary measures - spending cuts or tax rises - if it is to meet EMU guidelines this year. An unpopular government forced to make such decisions could hring French politics out of the ballot box and on to the street again.

Blair bridges the divide

Lady Thatcher's invitation to No 10 reveals one big difference between her and the new occupant, says Donald Macintyre

The old bruiser was at it once again yesterday, lambasting his favourite target. It was, Denis Healey said, "a bad choice" of the Prime Minister to invite Margaret Thatcher to Downing Street. She had been a "disaster" who had "destroyed British influence in Europe". While Lord Callaghan and Tony Benn have conspicuously refrained from joining him in criticising Tony Blair's invitation, the Healey remarks will no doubt strike a chord in many a Labour activist breast. He

has, nevertheless, missed the point.
The "secret" visit was not quite the carefully engineered publicity coup that in hindsight it bas been hailed as. Rather, it was assumed at No 10 that since the former prime minister openly swept in through her famous gates and that the comings and goings to Downing Street have been quite closely observed over the last three weeks, it would be noticed at the time. If it had been, it is possible it would not have been quite such a big story. The pair had a wander round her bome of 11 years. Lady Thatcher no doubt did some high-class reminiscing; they had, by all accounts, quite a good gossip. And she gave him, as a still much-travelled elder stateswoman, some thoughts on foreign affairs. Including Hong Kong, a subject on which she can claim both expertise and, from the Government's point of view, street cred. Unlike Sir Edward Heath, she has continued to back, against the line of her own one-time foreign policy adviser Sir Percy Cradock, Governor Chris Patten's painful struggle to maintain some vestiges of internal democracy in the colony. There is a baton to be handed on here. She signed the 1984 joint declaration in Peking. And Blair is now minded to go to Hong Kong for the handover next month, npgrading the earlier plan, originally made by John Major, to leave the joh to who-

ever was Foreign Secretary. And why not have a chat about foreign affairs? Of course, it is easy to find subjects on which she has little to contribute to her seccessor's international expertise. She world's leading expert in how to get on with Chancel-lor Kohl. Her views on Western Europe are not exactly Blair's (though she will no doubt have found last Thursday that the Prime Minister means what he says about the over-integrationist Franco-German tendencies and the need to resist further labour regulation under the Social Chapter). But while it may still be difficult to admit it after the long years Labour has been in opposition, she was - and is - one of the biggest international figures of her generation. She may have been wrong



about much, aspects of foreign policy included. But on some of the most important issues (speak it softly), she was right. And right earlier than many of her contemporaries. The regard in which she is held in Eastern Europe is not an accident: she was the first big-league Western leader to see the true significance in the early 1980s of the nascent economic reforms in Hungary. She was the first to huild a close understanding and relationship of trust with Mikhail Gorbachev and to realise the huge and permanent importance glasnost would have. The use she made of her 1987 trip to Moscow, in absorbing hungrily everydetail of the changes Gorbachev was seeking, not to mention revealing to the people in a television interview the huge scale of Soviet nuclear weaponry, cannot

really be underestimated. But the Healey salvo misses the target in another, even more important, way. So does the derisive claim that Blair was only sending a reassuring message to a few Euro-sceptic newspaper proprietors. Of course, the new Prime Minister does not at all mind some of his qualities being compared with those of Thatcher - qualities so much discussed they hardly need rehearsing again: strong leadership; a sharp-eyed sense of British interests in international, including European, dealings; the clear prospect that with youth and a huge majority on his side he will become a hegemonic figure in the way she did; creative use rather more creative, it turns out, than most of us who observe politics realised before the election - of time in opposition to plan for government; an ability to mould the party in the leader's image; and so on. But while the mere existence of Thursday's meeting inevitably focuses attention on those similarities, it also underlines a big difference.

Just as it is possible to applaud Margaret Thatcher's achievements in liberaring the British economy without forgiving her carelessness of the appalling social damage the liberation brought in its wake, so it is possible to meet ber without betraying the values she spent much of her political career ignoring. But you can do this only if your politics are not those of the tribe. And that is true of Blair in a way that it was never true of her. That is why he also issued a scarcely noticed invitation to Paddy Ashdown to drop into Downing Street a formight ago. That is why he meritocratically appointed Sir David Simon, of no known political affiliation, to work out how Britain can start taking a lead in making Europe more globally competitive.

It is an instinct that brings with it, for all the difficulties there will be on the way, the potential to be a leader who unites where Thatcher divided. She was, at her peak, as self-confident as he is; but she still talked about "our people" and "their people" in a way that most politicians in the main parties always have done, but he does not ... a contrast illuminated by the | schudenfreude variety. What very act of meeting her last Thursday. | about the Dutch, long reputed

A crime against expectations

ing aristocrat fallen upon hard times - decent and law-abiding but fundamentally exhausted, an object of curiosity, sympathy even, as it slipped gently into his-tory's twilight. No longer. Our dynamic economy, our vigorous new government are said to be the envy of all. But, it seems, we are also world-beaters in a less flattering sense.

Every now and then, a piece of data comes along to turn received wisdom on its head. The latest example is the International Crime Victimisation Survey. England and Wales, we learn, lead the nations of the industrialised world in lawlessness. What happened to that peaceable land whose policemen did not need to carry guns, which looked at violent crime on the other side of the Atlantic with a mixture of scorn and baffled dismay? Now we are the objects of that dismay: a nation apparently of muggers, burglars and car thieves, whose criminality leaves even America trail-

ing in its wake. But how could this be? Onc simple answer is, maybe it isn't, given the tendency of crime surveys based on evidence from victims to exaggerate the problem. But if such has happened with Britain, then why not with the other 10 countries covered by the report? And most people would agree that the findings do correspond to individual experience. Even in person-on-person crimes such as assault, mugging and rape, supposedly American specialities, we lead the field.

Admittedly there are consolations, though mostly of the

Tow suddenly stereotypes to be the continental country with which we have most in common – civilised, peaceable and tolerant? Now, it transpires, they are as bad as we are; probably thanks to a certain overtolerance in the matter of drugs policy. And what of stodgy, once squeaky-clean Switzerland, third among the 11 countries in the league table? Drugs again may or may not be the culprit. But in any case, Orson Welles' immortal line in The Third Man about the cuckoo clock being Switzerland's answer to Italian wickedness now stands in serious need of revision. And not all of Britain is rotten. Northern Ireland, the name on the list most associated with mayhem and violence, appears the safest place of all. Some lessons though are

indisputable. Britain has to draw on the US experience, and realise that enlarged police powers, rigid sentencing policies and bulging prisons do little to reduce crime. True, crime rates are falling in the US, in some cities like New York by stunning proportions. The reason, however, is not an Anglo-Saxon predilection for locking people up and throwing away the key, but rather the ageing of baby-boomers (crime is above all a young man's business) and a realisation that prevention is better than cure. Three Strikes and You're Out" (or more exactly, in for life) is all very well. But in America, an increase in police on the streets, and community initiatives like Neighbourhood Watch have done far more to reduce crime. To paraphrase Tony Blair, you need to get tough on crime, but even more on the causes of

Rupert Cornwell



Roland Amstutz

Post-Cannes depression? The young ex-convict actor Patrick train. Aurignac, whose first film, Mémoires d'un jeune con, flopped himself through the head at the to Amstutz's performances age of 32. A few days later, a more mature actor, the Swiss Roland Amstutz, who worked regularly in France and Germany with some of the great directors, and who was about countryman Luc Bondy's brilliant resuscitation of a late and little-known Strindberg black comedy, Branda tomten (The

threw himself under a goods

The production had enjoyed a big success last winter at Peafter being selected for the ter Brook's theatre Les Bouffes 1996 Venice Film Festival, shot du Nord, a success largely due dry, sardonic, gruff - as the fa-ther of the leading actress Emwhom he played in Synge and manuelle Béart, with Pascal Gregory in the other main role Iris Murdoch. in the cast of six.

Like Aurignac (who had to open the Recklinghausen
Theatre Festival in his fellowcountyman I to Bondo's had rehabilitated by theatre and film work), Amstutz was a man heset by personal anxieties, by inner anguish that gave his act-Burnt House, 1907), walked out ing a fine nervous intensity. He

energy to create astounding characterisations for directors like Patrice Chéreau, Luc Bondy and Peter Zadec, and for the film-maker Jean-Luc Godard, notably in Sauve qui peut la vie (1980). He liked working with younger directors like Louis-Do de Lanquesaing, for

Roland Amstutz had received his training in Switzerland, and was closely associated with the Théâtre de Vidy in Lausanne. He moved to Paris and joined the troupe of Ariane Mnouchkine at the Théatre du Soleil in Vincennes, attracting great praise for his performances in her productions of 1789 and the spectacular sure (Peter Zadek, 1991) in sthal's L'Homme difficile - a dif-Méphisto (1979), based on a story by Klaus Mann.

After that, he set out on an independent course, in which he often suffered hardship and solitude, though he became attached to Patrice Chéreau's experiments at the Théâtre des Amandiers in Nanterre from 1981. He appeared as the Gravedigner in Chéreau's Ham-let (1982), in Jean-Hugues Anglade's Great Britain (1983) and in Cheknov's Ivanov in the

His work ranged from Schnitzler's Terre Etrangère to Tilly's Charcuterie fine, from Ibsen's John Gabriel Borkmann (1993).

Peer Gynt (Chércau, 1981) to One of his more recent parts Shakespeare's Measure for Mea-

which he played Angelo to Isabelle Huppert's Isabelle. In all his parts Amstutz displayed his gift for virtuoso switches of mood and tone, from whiplash laconic wit to brooding indecision. He spent two years at the Comédie-Française (1984-

He became one of Luc Bondy's favourite actors - perwas in Hugo von Hofmannficult actor for a difficult man -in Jacques Lassalle's 1996 production at the Théâtre de la

Before the opening in Paris of Strindberg's play (whose French title is Jouer avec le feu) in December 1996, the director, Luc Bondy, gave an illuminating interview in which he talked about Strindberg and haps it takes a Swiss to appreciate a Swiss at his proper value. Bondy produced him in Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale (1988) translated by Bernard-Marie Koltès and in Ibsen's nervous systems of the players John Gabriel Borkmann (1993). and expose them to the public. This kind of exposure was the basis of his own direction of the

play, in which six characters tear each other apart in sudden changes of emotional temperature.

This strange, cruel drama is not without its dark humour, of an almost demonic kind. Bondy describes how one day when he was visiting Ibsen's house in Oslo (now a museum) he saw a portrait of Strindberg, which Ibsen kept hung over his desk. facing him. He particularly appreciated the "demonic eyes" of the playwright, and said: "He is my mortal enemy and he's got to be hung there watching over me while I write." Luc Bondy went on to say that he would be thinking of those demonic eyes during rehearsals.

The French army is supposed to be the silent service, "la grande

muette" which obeys orders and

carries out its allotted tasks. Yet many of its most famous officers

have been those who were not

afraid to speak out and ro protest. General François Binoche was one of the most

distinguished of those who were

courageous in speech as well as

in action. In 1940, Binoche was a lieu-

tenant serving in Morocco with

the Foreign Legion. He open-

ly expressed discontent with

the policy of surrender and the

Resident General's acceptance

(after some hesitation) of Pé-

been put in charge of General de Gaulle's intelligence service in London from July.

This contact and some re-

bellious talk caused Binoche to

be arrested and imprisoned in

Meknès. There he made the ac-

quaintance of Pierre Mendès-

France, one of the 24 deputies

who had gone to Morocco in the

hope of establishing an inde-

pendent government there. To-

gether they were transferred to prison in Clermont Ferrand

and charged by the Vichy gov-

ernment. Binoche was accused

of having conspired "with the enemy power" (namely, Eng-land) but he was acquitted be-cause of the lack of evidence

He joined the Resistance and served with several net-

works set up by army officers. By the spring of 1944, with the

rank of commandant, he was in

(FFI) in the Ardèche depart-

ment. When the news came of

these battles he lost an arm.

He was made a Compagnon

de la Libération and in No-

to assist Edmond Michelet, who was Minister for the

Armed Services, in the new gov-

ernment. De Gaulle had ap-

pointed Michelet because he

had to work closely with the

was Minister for Armaments.

The General considered that

perience of working with com-munities in the Resistance. The same was true of Binoche.

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After some months in this

against him.

Perhaps some of that demonic spirit had imposed itself from the heyond upon the actors too. The Swiss have a kind word for suicide; they call it freiwilliger Tod, or "death by one's own free will" - much more expressive than the abstract mon volontaire ("voluntary death") of the French. Roland Amstutz was a man whose intelligence shone through all his life and work. It was by his own free will that he ended it all. The play did not go on.

Roland Amstut, actor: born La Chaux-de-Fonds. Switzerland 1942; died Recklinghausen, Germany 20 May 1997.

General

François Binoche

Edward Mulhare

Though born in Ireland, the ac-inr Edward Mulhare specialised in portraying suavely cultivated Englishmen of droll wit and sometimes duhious morals.

Having established himself in the late Fifties as a Broadway star when he succeeded Rex Harrison in My Fair Lady, he spent the last 40 years in the United States, where his prolific work on stage, screen and tele-vision made him a popular player and box-office attraction, particularly in muring productions. His early career included notable work in the theatres of Ireland and England, including West End appearances with Orson Welles and Gladys Cooper.

Mulhare was born in Cork in 1923. Educated at St Nessan's School and North Monastery, he spent a few months reading medicine at the National University of Ireland before detheatre, and at 19 he made his professional début at the Cork Opera House playing in successive weeks Murdo in The First Mrs Fraser and Cassio in Othello. Joining the newly formed Duhlin Theatre Guild. who were recruiting talent from all over Ireland, he played Bill Walker in Shaw's Major Barbara, Horace Giddens in Hellman's The Little Foxes and La Hire in Shaw's Saint Joan.

He made his first appearance in England with an Ensa unit as Max De Winter in Rebeccu. After sporadic employment with the Gate Theatre in Dublin and club theatres in London, in co to Orson Welles' Moor at the St James' Theatre, produced by Laurence Olivier. Though this panned by Kenneth Tynan, who described Welles as having "the courage of his restrictions", it was generally well received.

the John Gielgud season at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, and with Gielgud he subsequently went to the Rhodes Fes-tival at Bulawayo, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), in Richard II. In 1953 he made his film début in Thorold Dickinson's Israelimade film Hill 24 Doesn't Answer. In this potent drama of the fight for modern Israel, he was top-billed as one of four soldiers defending a hill outside Jerusalem in the 1948 war. The same year he had a featured role as Sidney Willis MP in the West End production of The Cooper and Wendy Hiller.

A turning-point in his career came in 1957, when he was chosen to succeed Rex Harrison in the Broadway production of My Fair Lady. With his suave urbanity and clipped British acciding to follow his passion for cent, he proved a popular theatre, and at 19 he made his successor and played the role for three years, his Elizas including Julie Andrews, Sally Ann Howes and Anne Rogers. When Rex Harrison saw the show for the first time as a member of the audience, he found Mulhare "very good - I was enchanted with the whole

In 1960 he went with the show to Russia then decided to settle in the US, where he found steady employment on stage, screen and television. On Broadway he starred in The Devil's Advocate (1961) and succeeded Michael Wilding in Jean Kerr's hit comedy Mary. ry Company, which had spawned Rex Harrison and Michael Redgrave. The following year he played Others. as well as revivals of My Fair Lady. In the early Seventies he toured 159 American cities in production was famously a production of Shaw's Don Juan in Hell with Myrna Loy, Ricardo Montalhan and Kurt Kasznar. "Edward Mulhare made a superb Devil," said Loy



later. "He possessed all the charm and wit for the part." On screen he was one of the British prisoners-of-war, an army padre who impersonates a German officer during a daring escape in Von Ryan's Express (1964), and he was an effectively Man Flint (1966) starting James Coburn, and the dire Caprice (1967) in which he was a duplicitous cosmetics tycoon, involved in a covert drugs

started in England with two. episodes of The Adventures of Robin Hood (1956). American series in which he appeared included Murder She Wrote, Streets of San Francisco, Outer Limits, Hart To Hart, Battlestar Galacsmooth villain in two spoofs of tica, and regular roles in two fur- Rider, in which he was the dap- few months ago, and has a role James Bond movies, the hit Our ther series, both of which per Devon Miles, mentor to an in the forthcoming Jack Lembecame hits.

When the 1941 film The Ghost and Mrs Muir was conghost of an irascible sea captain defend the unfortunate and Los Angeles 24 May 1997.

Lange, in Gene Tierney's original role). The show ran for two years and made Mulhare a household name.

He was to have an even higger success in 1982 with Knight Hasselhoff), who has been to Sea. killed hut brought hack to life verted to a television series in and given a lavishly equipped

His prolific television work who shares a Cornish cottage fight injustice. With particular tarted in England with two with an attractive widow (Hope appeal to young audiences, it was the first show on the NBC network to hold its own against Dallas on CBS, and ran for five years and 90 episodes,

Mulhare continued to act until diagnosed with cancer a undercover policeman (David mon / Walter Matthau film Out

1968, Mulhare again followed in Harrison's footsteps as the the air – and talk) in which to Cork, Ireland 8 April 1923; died

operation, who recruits Doris Day as an industrial spy. Sir Robin Kinahan

last of fthe "auld dacency", the county élite of Northern Ireland, to have occupied a prominent position in the Orange parades issue. Order when, in the Seventies, such an association was no longer fashionable.

Like Sir George Clark, who was Imperial Grand Master of the World Orange Council, and whose family firm. Workman and Clark, once rivalled Harland and Wolff as a world huilder of shipping tonnage, he belonged to an older tradition nf rubust British allegiance which reached its apogee in the massive popular opposition to Home Rule in the Ulster of

The family, originally from County Cork set up a whiskey distillery in Duhlin, where his great-great-grandfather was Lord Mayor in 1853. Yet despite his deeply rooted Unionist and Orange background Kinahan deplored and discouraged any form of sectarian higotry. In the family firm, Lyle and Kinahan, wine and spirit merchants, there was a large contingent of Roman Catholic workers and Kinahan was always delighted to counts. His career at Stormont relate how they turned out to lasted only a few months. He cheer him as, nn 12 July, he saw his chance of becoming

Rohin Kinahan was one of the walked with his lodge to the "field". Such tolerant scenes were common in the days before Sinn Fein dominated the

After school at Stowe he

went straight into the family firm with a Vininers' Company scholarship which took him to Oporto and Bordeaux, where he acquired fluent local French and a formidable knowledge of the wine trade. In Germany, when war broke out in 1939, he joined the Royal Artillery, the 8th Anti-Aircraft Regiment, serving briefly in France before the Dunkirk withdrawal, then in the air defence of Coventry and London before ending up in Burma under General Slim.

Kinahan's first entry into politics was as a councillor for Oldpark Belfast, where in 1948 he defeated the Labour activist Billy (later Lord) Blease. He served in the Belfast Cor-poration for 10 years before becoming a Stnrmont MP for Cliftun. His opponent was a hardline Protestant but with the help of both Jewish and Catholic electors he scraped home by 45 votes and five re-

Lord Mayor, which in those days carried an automatic knighthood. So he resigned from Stormont and seized it, becoming Belfast's second youngest first citizen from 1959 to 1961. In 1963 he left the Corporation to devote himself to his growing husiness interests.

The achievements of which he was proudest during his term in Belfast office were the establishment of a crematorium against the united opposition of all the main churches; and the banning of pigs in the backyards nf many of the working-class houses of the city.
When Lord Mayor he con-

tinued to strike the openminded, cross-community note which in the Sixties had brought about an attempt - unsuccessful - to have him expelled from the Orange Order when he at-tended a Catholic wedding and funeral. He received Cardinals in the City Hall and made a point of visiting fellow mayors in the Irish Republic.

From then on politics was largely abandaned for husiness; with extraordinary success. for he acquired a portfolio of directorships covering most of the major Ulster companies from Inglis (bakers) and Gallahers,

president, Building Societies Asso-



E.T. Green (millers) to Abbey Life, the Eagle Star and Nat West. Standard Telephones and chairmanship of the Ulster Bank were added to his bag and in 1961 the family firm Lyle and Kinahan was taken over by Bass Charrington and the Ki-nahans acquired Castle Upton with 300 acres not far from Belfast airport. The castle, redesigned by Robert Adam, had its origins in a 13th-century monastery. When Robin Kinahan bought it for £53,000 it was in a ruinous state with the courtyard used for piggeries. His wife Coralie, whom he

married in 1950, was a de Burgh, from one of the oldest Anglo-Irish families and an established painter of distinction. Under her expert artistic guidance they set about restoring the castle to its proper state and character, a residence 10 match their eminence in the commercial and social world.

Kinahan's last excursion into politics was in 1972 when he agreed to join Willic Whitelaw's Advisory Commission which was meant to give some vencer of accountability to Direct Rule, and had been rejected by Unionists. He did so with expressed misgivings which turned out to be justified - the whole

concept collapsed, In personal terms Robin Kinahan was a man of great charm and a warm engaging manner, who inspired lasting loyalty in those he worked with. An oldestablished Ulster Banker recalls the day, 30 years ago, when, as a diffident junior, he was summoned to the chairman's office to discuss some new aspect of business. To his surprise and grateful delight Kinahan proposed that they settle the matter over lunch at the then exclusive Ulster Club.

With his multifarious com-

pany commitments Kinahan was un efficient chairman. Business was quickly dispatched. Everyone had in have done his homework. He loved commerce and once said: "It's nnt just the money. 1 can't altogether dismiss amhitinn. There is a special satisfaction in getting to the

and combined it with a large involvement in charity work when his appointment as Lord-Lieutenant of Belfast during 1985-91 set the final crown on his civic career. His wife and he published a

joint autohiography with the cheeky rhetorical title Behind Every Great Man ...?

Roy Bradford Robert George Caldwell (Robin) Kinahan, husinessman and politician: born 24 September 1916: ERD 1946: MP (NI) for Clifton 1958-59; Lord Mayor of Belfast 1959-61; Kt 1961; chairman, In-glis & Co Ltd 1962-82; chairman, E.T. Green Ltd 1964-82; chairman, Ulster Bank Ltd 1970-82; Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Belfast 1976-85. Lord-Lieutenant 1985-91: married 1950 Coralie de Burgh (two sons, three daughters); died 2 May 1997.

He achieved that amhition Brigade of the Foreign Legion. minded him of the French Resistance fighters. But his anger was raised by the bungling of several operations, notably the

Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ew-ing, naval officer, died 19 May, ed the 120,000-strong Tactical aged 88. As captain of the Offa took part in six Arctic convoys in 1941-42, for which he earned the DSC. Admiral Command-ing Reserves and Inspector of 87. Co-founded the English-Recruiting 1960-62.

General Robert D. Russ, US air then spent nine years in jail from force officer, died Shalimar, 1948 as a political prisoner.

so that the French and their allies suffered heavy losses and the French position was made precarious. He publicly de-manded the recall of General Carpentier.

All the time he was keeping Mendès-France, who had re-mained a friend, informed of what was happening and giving. him information which he used in speeches calling for an end to the war. The result was that in 1954, when Mendès-France formed his government, which was pledged to make peace in Indo-China, Binoche was a member of his military cabinet. He advised the prime minister on many matters concerning tain's rule. He was contacted by André Dewayrin, whom he had known at Saint Cyr and who (under the name of Passy) had defence, notably on the need to pursue research so that France could he equipped with nuclear power. In this, Binoche worked closely with Colonel Ailleret (later to be Commander-in-Chief) and they achieved their ends at a meeting on Boxing Day 1954.

Binoche also served in the Algerian War. He was one of those who had had forewarning of the so-called putsch of the generals in April 1961. He was therefore able to escape arrest and to organise resistance to the generals. He was notably un-successful with the cavalry unit which was celebrating St George's Day, and he was afterwards highly critical of the high-ranking officers in the Algiers region. "We were saved," he later said, "by the junior and non-commissioned

He subsequently helped put down the European terrorists who refused to accept "Moncharge of the newly formed sieur de Gaulle's cease-fire' Forces Françaises de l'Intérieur and he served on the special military courts which were set up to pass judgement on officers who had been arrested. In 1964, he hecame military

the Allied landings in Nor-mandy, he entered into combat governor of Berlin with the rank of general. In 1967, he was against the Germans. In one of put on the reserve at his request. But he re-emerged, typically, in vember 1945 he was summoned a very controversial manner. Opposed to Giscard d'Estaing, he shared with many (such as Raymond Aron) his belief that the new President was dangerously unaware of the realities of international relations. In Communist Charles Tillon, who July 1975 he denounced the growing Franco-German al-liance, claiming that Germany Michelet had the necessary ex-remained a danger to France.

He entered politics, both in the municipal elections in Nice (where he was living) and in the legislative elections of 1978. post he was sent to the war in He stood, with others, as a Indo-China where he com- member of the Union of Promanded the Fifth Infantry gressive Gaullists. But he was unsuccessful and in 1981 sup-There, he felt some sympathy with the Viet-Minh. They recard. His actions in 1975 had caused him to be removed from the reserve. He was restored in

Douglas Johnson

outpost of Cao Bang and the fall François Binoche, soldier: born of Langson. He claimed that Paris 23 March 1911; died Paris every mistake had been made, 18 May 1997.

Air Command during the Gulf

language Bangkok Post in 1946

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

SIMPSON: Halla, on 21 May, at Common Hill. Beloved wife of Geoffrey. Funeral at Crosthwaite Church. Keswick on Tiresday 3 June at 2 30pm. No flowers please. Donations in lien to Cumbria Red Cross. Woolpock Yard, Kendal, would be appreciated.

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Birthdays Dr Eric Anderson, Rector, Lincoln

College, Oxford, 61: The Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop nf Coventry, 67; Professor John Barth, author. 67; Admiral nf the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst, former First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, 61; Mr Jeffrey Bernard, journalist, 65; Miss Cilla Black, singer, 55; The Right Rev Hugh Budd, Roman Catholic Bish-op of Plymouth, 60: Earl Cairos, chairman, BAT Industries, 58; Mr Pat Cash, tennis player, 32; Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, former Governor of Gibraltar, 66; Sir Anthony Colman, High Court judge, 59; Mr John Contch, boxer, 46; Mr Bryan Cowgill, former deputy chairman, Mirror Group, 70; Lord Erroll of Hale, firmer government minister, S3: Mr Paul Gascoigne, footballer, 39; Mr Duncan Goodhew, swimmer,

40; Mr Narman Griggs, former vice-

ciation, 81: Lord Holme of Chel-tenham, former President, Liberal Party, 61: Dr Henry Kissinger, statesman, 74; Mr Christopher Lee, actor. 75; Sir John Moberty, diplomat. 72: Miss Thea Musgrave, composer. 69: Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, chairman. Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 63; Mr Gerald Ronsoo, chief executive. Heron Corporation, 58; Miss Florence Sharoles, former executive di-

85; Sir Ross Stainton, former chairman, British Airways, 33; Mr Michael Webster, former chairman, DRG, 77; Mr Don Williams, singer. 54; Mr Herman Work novelist, \$2 Anniversaries Births: Ibn Khaldun, historiaa, 1332; Maximilian t, King of Bayaria, 1756;

rector, YWCA, 66; Mr Ravi Shastri.

cricketer, 35; Mr Sam Snead, golfer,

drographer, 1774; Sir Henry Parkes, statesman, 1815; Amelia Jenks Bloomer, women's nights campaign-cr. 1818; Julia Ward Howe, poet and social refirmer, 1819; Joseph Joachim Raff, composer, 1822; Jay Gould, railway builder, 1836; James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok, frontier scout, 1837; Enoch Arnold Bennett, novelist, 1867; Georges-Henri Rouault, painter, 1871; Isadora Duncan, dancer, 1878; Samuel Dashiell Hammen, detective-story writer, 1894; Sir John Douglas Cockeroft, physicist, 1897; Hubert Horatio Humphrey. US Vice-President, 1911: Vincent Leonard Price, actor and writer, 191 t. Deaths: Thomas Muntzer. Anabaptist campaigner, executed, 1525. John Calvin, thenlogian.

ogist, 1910; Sir Ioseph Wilson Swao, physicist and chemist, 1914; Henry Adams, historian, 1918; Joseph Roth, author, 1939; Field Marshat Sir Thomas Blamey, soldier, 1951; Jawalharlal Nehru, statesman, 1964. On this day: the Habeas Corpus Act was passed, 1679; St Petersburg was founded by Peter the Great, 1703; the trial of William Palmer, doctor and poisoner, ended with a verdict of guilty, 1856; at the naval battle of Tsushima Straits, the Russian fleet of 32 vessels was annihilated by the Japanese under Tingo, 1905; the Battle of Aisne started, 1918; the first transatlantic air flight, with a five-man crew, arrived at Lisbon, 1919; the Cunard liner Queen Mary sailed on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New Yark, 1936; the Golden Gate ed, 1525; John Calvin, thentogran, 1564; Archibald Campbell, Marquess of Argyll, soldier, beheaded 1661; Niccolo Paganini, violinist, 1840; Joseph Bosworth, lexicographer, 1876; Robert Koch, bacteriol-

the stratesphere, reaching a height of 51,000 feet in a balloon, 1931; the European Defence Community was set up, 1952. Today is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, St Eutropius of Orange, St Julius of Durostorum, St Melangel or Mnnacello and St Restituta of Sora.

Lectures

National Gattery: Lizzie Barker, "May Marriages (4): Rembrandi's

Womco", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Sarah Searight, "Garden of Paradise: flo-ral themes in Iranian Art II", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah Cove, "Materials and Techniques of Tudor and Jacobean Portraiture", 1pm. British Museum: Paul Craddock, "The Origins of West Africao Bronzes: the igho Ukwo bronzes and the case for their local migins", RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London 1 W1: Alan Davidson talks about Hayes Davidson's digital architectural illustrating, 6.30pm.

Exeter University: Professor Mark Ferguson, "The Biosciences Revolution - Funding the Research and Exploiting the Results: foresight and other initiatives", \$,20pm.

Appointments

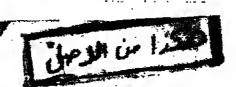
Mr Roger Thomas, in be Ambassador to the Azerbaijan Republic. Mr David Hobert Boothby Chesshyre, in be Clarenceux King of Arms.

Mr Thomas Woodcock, to be Norroy and Ulster King of Arms. Mr Mungo Campbell, to be Deputy Director of the Huoterian Art Gallery, Glasgow. Mrs Justice Hale, in be Family Di-

The Queen Mother attends a Reception given by the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association in St James's Palace. The Prince of Wales reopens the Prince The Prince of Wales reopens the Prio-ty, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. The Princess Royal, Patron, the National Autistic Society, opens Straan Hause School's cottage, Allea, Clackmannan-shire; opens the Spar International Con-ference, Gleneagies Hotel, Gleneagies, Perthabure; as Patron, the Butler Irust, with Content Mile Fernal, Prices Strain visits Cornton Vale Female Prison, Stir-ting; and, as President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visits Remploy Ltd, Causewayhead, Stirling.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Reg-iment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Gnards, tlang: F Company Scots Guards mnunts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Irish Guards.

The LAW REPORT resumes with the rision Liaison Judge for London. Law Term, on Tuesday 3-June.



Gap between rich and less well-off reaches 'alarming proportions'

The sad performance of many small companies in the ram-pant hull market is haffling. While Footsie has soared to new highs, the rest of the investment pack has limped tamely behind, lodeed Patrick Orr at stockbroker Panmure Gordon believes the gap between the hig and small has reached alarming propor-

It is, however, oot just the uddlers which have been confined to the stock market dog house. The medium-sized groups making up the FTSE 250 index have had a desperately unexciting time, partico-

larly in the past year. Mr Orr has compiled his own misery" table comparing the rich and the less well-off. The gap has never yawned so wide. He calculates the present hull market started in March two years ago. Since then shares of smaller companies recorded

The underperformance is a hit of a mystery. Historically, says Mr Orr, it is in bull markets when smaller companies outperform and then by a large extent. They need to turn in riproaring displays to balance the miserable times they experi-ence in bear markets.

Unless the tiddlers start to turn in Herculean displays the second quarter of this year will be the worst three months they have experienced in the past 11 years.

The strength of banks, which has clearly inflated Footsie, is one reason put forward for the uneven displays. But Mr Orr suggests this is merely bending data to make a case. He says: "The smaller company sector has a thriving financials sec-tor... and it is in the nature of index performance that some sub-sectors will be doing better than others at any one

Given the economic envi-ronment smallcap shares should have beaten their blue chip rivals. Certainly the gap between big and small should narrow. However a revival by the little 'uns looks unlikely. Footsie could suffer a sharp correction, a swing which would be welcomed by cash-inthe-bank Tony Dye at the underperforming PDFM fund

persistent prophets of doom like David Schwartz. Yet most observers think Footic is set to continue oo its merry way, with year-eod pre-dictions of 5,000 points being sprayed around.

management group and the

But long-term Footsie buils Bob Semple and David McBain at NatWest Securities, have introduced a note of caution into their calculations. Early this year they produced a year-end target of



STOCK MARKET WEEK

DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter of the year

occasions even through the 4,700 barrier, they are advocating the market should pause for breath. Valuations look a little stretched.



The long-term bull market case remains intact hut the Government offers a threat. Say the NatWest duo: "Any changes in the treatment of the divideod tax credit would not only alter the current yield oo the market hut probably also reduce future dividend growth.

New Labour may be gilt friend-

ly hut it is by no means clear

at this stage they will remain equity friendly."

If, in the looming Budget, the
Chancellor, Gordon Brown, does heap more taxes on companies or discriminates against dividends then there must be distinct possibility the

profit front this week although the water dividend season gets

under way. year's results with Anglia getting the tide flowing tomorrow with profits likely to emerge at

around £250m (£238m). On Thursday Sooth West with £122m expected com-pared with £110m and United Utilities with £475m (£389m) wade in. The still-to-be-redeemed Yorkshire Water, which failed lamentably last year, should produce £211m (£207.6m) oo Friday.

Mid Kent, which fought so furiously and ultimately successfully against a double Freoch takeover assault, reports oo Thursday. Profits will he down, reflecting the cost of the hid battle. Around £11m against £12.7m seems likely.

EMI, the showhiz group

uocomfortable ripples oo the chance to show its year's prof-

it routine today.

Up to £400m is possible against £367.3m last time. The music husiness has not been easy and EMI is one of the casualties of sterling's strength.

But the final quarter is though to have been encouraging and could offer the optimists some consolation for the failure of that long-awaited takeover to EMI's spurned other half, the Thorn rental group, reports

tomorrow. Its presence was regarded as EMI's poisoo pill. Hence last summer's demerger heing seen as leaving EMI as a pure showbiz group wide opeo to a bid.

Thorn shareholders must wonder if they would have been better off if the old group

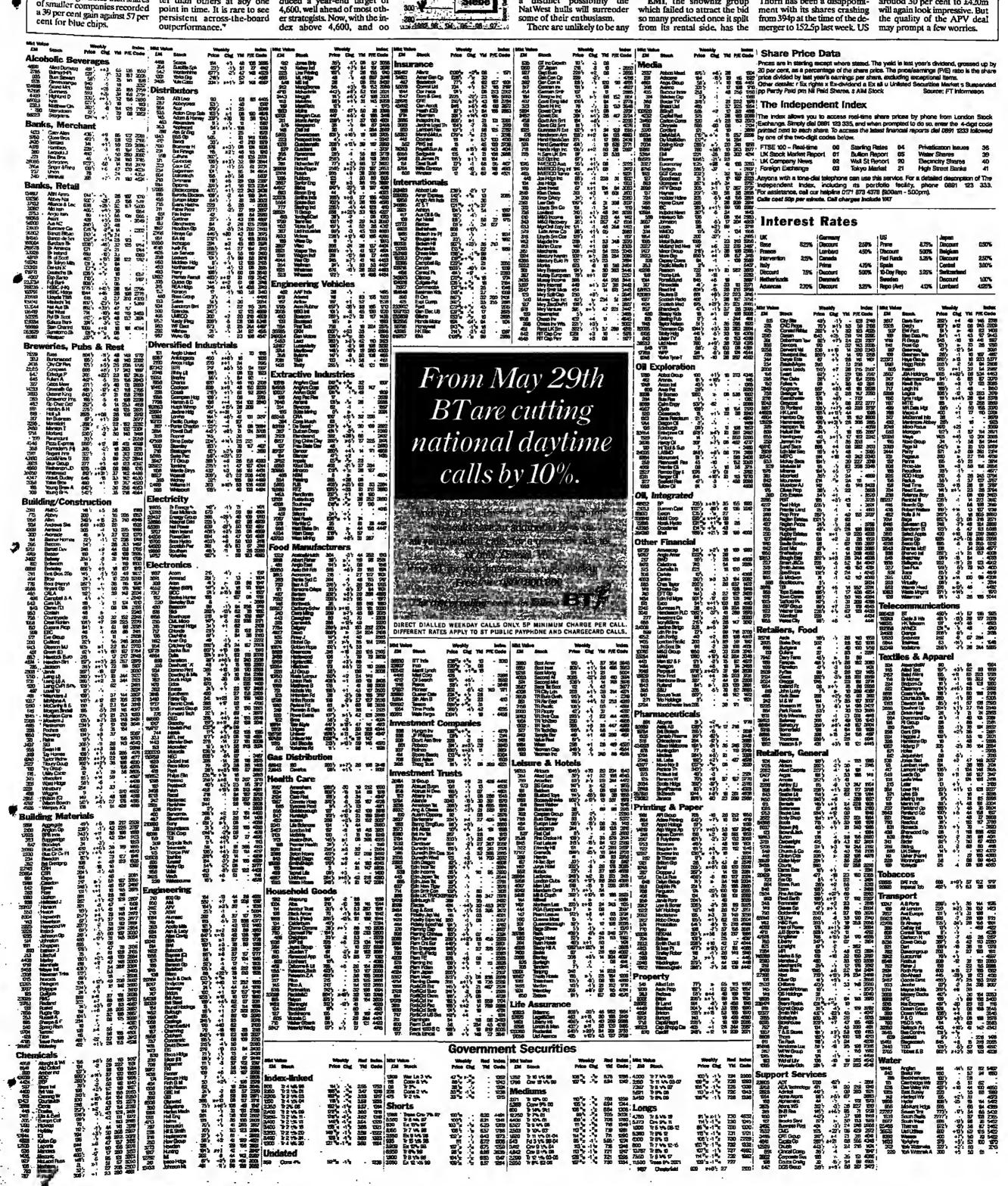
had stuck together.
As a stand-alone company Thorn has been a disappoint-

litigation and a warning profits would be little changed have done the damage. Last year's figure was £170.7m; a dip to £170m with a modest dividend increase to 13.2p is the likely outcome.

Allders, the department store chain which has expanded through the acquisition of Owen Oweo stores, should produce £15.5m against £8.2m and Stakis, the casino and ho-tel group which ooce seemed desticed for the corporate cemetery, is likely to oearly double profits to £23.6m.

It, too, has expanded, buying from Lonrho the Metropole Hotels chain. Both report interim results.

An acquisitive creation with a profit offering oo Thursday is engineer Siebe. Its latest major takeover, APV, has still to be cemented. Profits up



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Britain praised by OECD for jobs policies

Paris

ous government were singled out for high praise in an authoritative new report yesterday, while France and Germany were criticised sharply for their failure to introduce more flex-

ibility in the jobs market. Helen Liddell, economic secretary to the Treasury, told the annual meeting of ministers at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development that the new government would put a fresh emphasis on

Helen Liddell, the new economic secretary, says that as a Scot she has a special understanding of the importance of education. In an interview with the Independent at vesterday's OECD meeting in Paris she said: "The key to true labour market flexibility is having a

very highly skilled workforce."
Mrs Liddell was responding
to an OECD report which highlighted the tensions between the nrganisatinn's economists. Snme members, such as New Zealand, encourage joh flexibility while nthers, such as France, reject it.

Prime Minister has made it

tax and benefits system.

Her statement was received with caution by OECD officials who said the impact of Labour's plans on jobs, especially the minimum wage, would need to be monitored closely.

In a report published yesterday the elub of rich industrialised countries singled out Britain, along with Ireland, the Netherlands and New Zealand, for praise with its jobs record. Many continental countries were advised to introduce

quite clear what nur views are. It is what works that matters." The Government's emphasis on its support for the Social dards for employees had to be seen in the context of flexibilirole the new low-pay commissinn would have to play in addressing the existence of the working poor by setting a min-

imum wage. Mrs Liddell was keen to get over the message that the top priority was education, education and education: "If you want to compete in the global Mrs Liddell sald: "The marketplace you need a highwage, high-skill economy."

The report refers to "deteriminimum wage and reform the orating conditions" in those countries where unemployment is well above the OECD aver-age. It sets them a long list of recommendations but for the UK it advises only two specific measures. These are closer monitoring of the effect of employment policies and action to reduce the drop-out rate from

higher education.

The document lists benefit cuts, reduced job protection and industrial relations legislathe 1980s. It challenges the notion that such measures to in-crease flexibility must be at odds with fairness and social cobesion. "Increased employment as a result of policy reform will tend to offset at least partly the impact on income distribution," it says. It adds that past reforms in the UK bave met with "considerable acceptance" by the

general public. The UK unemployment rate, measured on the same basis as other countries, is one of the lowest in Europe. While officials accept that

there are alternative routes to high levels of employment, they hope the new government will proceed with caution. They welcomed Tony Blair's stress last week on the importance of French shares plunged on flexibility in the job market.



Taking the plunge: Dealers are expecting further falls today after French shares suffered their biggest one-day loss in four years

French stocks plummet on election fears

The French share markets more than 4 per cent at one rlunged to their higgest one-day stage in heavy trading. Further loss in four years yesterday after voters in the first round of elections unexpectedly backed the Socialist opposition and gave President Jacques Chirac's government the thumbs down.

falls are expected by dealers today as the London markets reopen, with reaction expected to news that Alain Juppe, the prime minister, will resign whoever wins the second round of

The CAC-40 share index

ground, hut closed down 108.16 points at 2654.74, a drop of 3.91 per cent. The franc was also badly hit, dropping just over half a centime against the Deutsch-mark to Fr3.3757.

Hardest hit were companies which could be affected by the socialists' opposition to the

sation plans. Shares in Dassault Aviation were suspended on fears a Socialist government would effectively nationalise the company by cancelling a proposed share sell-off after its planned merger with stateowned Aerospatiale.

Another casualty was the de-

managed to recover some lost

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Quantum Energy to buy Vector Gas

Quantum Energy Group, the London-based company which is planning to become the first UK independently quoted gas business; will announce a deal today to buy Vector Gas, a joint venture company between Scottisb Hydro-Electric and Marathon Oil of the US. The deal, for an undisclosed sum, means Scottish Hydro, linked last year with plans to hid for British Gas, has apparently distanced itself from the industrial gas market. The acquisition takes Quantum's combined operations to some 2 per cent of the industrial and commercial gas market. Mark Petterson, deputy managing director of Quantum, said further acquisitions were planned as Quantum sought to exploit the expected further shake-out in the commercial gas market. The company is hoping to float itself in this year bought Bell Gas, another commercial gas husiness selling mainly to small husinesses, which had gone into receivership. Vector is based in Perth and sells gas to almost 3,000 customers.

Interflora directors weigh up court action

Ousted directors of Interflora, the UK's largest flower delivery organisation, will decide today whether to take their dispute over their sacking to the High Court. The 11 former directors, who were fired from Interflora during a mass meeting of members more than a fortnight ago, were still trying to assess the grass-roots support for a legal challenge yesterday. Both the ousted board and the replacement six-member board claim to have legal advice supporting their cases. The new hoard, elected at the meeting of 1,000 florists, has aiready made sweeping changes to Interflora's Sleaford headquarters operations, including closing its wholesale flower husiness. The row is over the new board's refusal to call a postal ballot of the full 2,600-strong membership into the management changes.

Beckett meets with Japanese car bosses

Margaret Beckett. President of the Board of Trade, yesterday began her official visit to Tokyo by holding talks with the heads of Toyota, Honda and Nissan to lobby for more investment in the UK. She met Shoichiro Toyoda, the bead of Toyota, who had ear-lier this year said the company would prefer to put new invest-ment into continental Europe if Britain stayed out of the European single currency. Toyota is considering whether to huild another huge car plant in northern France or in another EU country. Officials stressed the meetings were more to lay the foundations for a more comfortable trading relationship between the new Government and Japan.

German ministers fall out over EMU

The fall-out over Germany's difficulties in meeting the criteria for joining the European single currency intensified yesterday when German economics minister Guenter Rexrodt criticised finance minister Theo Waigel in a row over economic forecasts. Mr Waigel, in an interview with the weekly news magazine Der Spiegel, had said other government departments had botched economic fore-casts and left him searching for hillions of marks to cut Bonn's deficit to meet the convergence criteria for monetary union. But Mr Rexrodt said responsibility for the forecasts was shared widely. In a statement on official ministry paper, Mr Rextodt retorted: "It is always the Finance Ministry which presses for a more favourable economic forecast. The German government has been examining ways of raising extra cash in its next hudget to qualify for EMU membership.

Roche's £7bn takeover deal surprises drugs industry

Sameena Ahmad

The drugs industry was yesterday rocked by another large takeover, as Swiss giant Roche unveiled an \$11bn (£7bn) deal to buy a privately owned German diagnostics group, Boehringer Mannheim

had long heen awaited, the acquisition surprised analysts who had expected the group to snap up a pure pharmaceuticals company. Shares in Zeneca, the UK drugs husiness which was regarded as an obvious hid target for Rocbe, are likely to drop today on the news. Birgit Kulhoff, European pharmaceuticals anstill afford to make other acquisitions, but this rules out anything major like Zeneca." The deal is the latest exam-

ple of consolidation among international pharmaceutical companies looking for ways to boost their growth. The most rehuge link-up hetween Swiss groups Sandoz and Ciba, and in 1995 Hoechst's acquisition of the US's Marion Merrill Dow. the merger of Pharmacia and Upjohn and Glaxo's takeover of

Fritz Gerber, chairman of Roche, said that the agreed acquisition of Boehringer, which

alyst at UBS, said: "Roche can is owned by Corange, a familyrun holding company based in Bermuda, would make the combined group a market leader in diagnostics. Its activities include clinical laboratories and

Roche said it could not give

details of job losses, but thought that estimates of 10 per cent of the combined workforce looked too high. Roche employs 50,000 people and Boehringer 18,000. Roche said the deal, which has yet to be assessed by the regu-lators, may not be approved before the year end.

Disclosure rift hampers Formula One sell-off

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Advisers to the planned 12bn flotation of the Formula One anxious that the final prospec-

The latest difficulty in the path of the flotation is thought to hinge on bow much detail of the organisation's exclusive Grand Prix television rights deals should appear in the document. Salomon Brothers, the US investment bank acting for Bernie camp is believed to be con-Ecclesione, owner of the various cerned at the reaction if com-

motor racing business are tus should contain sufficient filocked in negotiations with the nancial information about Mr "This acquisition enables Stock Exchange over the level Roche to attain yet another of of financial disclosure in the enable interested investors to company's prospects. An important factor is the breakdown of revenue from television rights. the business's main income generator. Detail of the rights payments for individual countries is regarded as commercially confidential and Mr Ecclestone's

promotional businesses, was expected to deliver a draft prospector. The document is expected to amhitious £2bn provisional valuation. It is thought as much as 80 per cent of the future rev-

enues are guaranteed by exist-

that no final decisions have been taken about the proportion of the company which will be sold to the public. Advisers for Mr Ecclestone had previ-ously suggested 50 per cent would he publicly floated, but it is thought he may sell less than 50 per cent, depending on the level of interest from investors.

Chancellor prepares to give ACT the chop

Gordon Brown has tackled some thorny problems in his first month in office, giving the Bank of England a measure of independence and setting in train a radical overhaul of City regulation. His biggest chal-lenge lies ahead, however - can he get his bead around ACT the tax many have beard of but few would claim to understand?

This matters because the Government's need to raise extra tax revenue means the Chancellor is widely tipped to tamper with the current system, announce a review or abolish it altogether in his first budget. The implications of messing around with ACT are far-reaching for companies, pension funds, charines and the stock

market as a whole.

Introduced in 1972, Advance Corporation Tax was an attempt to save shareholders from paying tax twice on their dividend income. Before ACT companies paid dividends out of taxed income and shareholders paid a further levy on the payout.

As Gordon Brown ponders the arithmetic for his Budget, Tom Stevenson looks at the case for reducing or abolishing Advance Corporation Tax

ACT, and the so-called imputation system on which it hinges, attempted to put that right. Now, when a company pays a dividend it simultaneously pays tax to the Exchequer at a rate of 20 per cent of the gross payout. So an 8p net dividend to a shareholder incurs a

2p tax payment. This makes no difference to most companies, because they can set off the tax payment against their subsequent corporation 1ax hills. For shareholders, however, it means they are only taxed once and, importantly, at their own margin-

Basic-rate taxpayers are deemed to have settled their tax bill. Higher-rate taxpayers have to stump up an extra 20 per cent slice of tax to bring their total payment up to 40 per cent. Nontaxpayers, including pension funds and charities, are able to

claim back the 20 per cent tax shift the playing field back to-bill already paid on their behalf wards long-term investment. funding depends to a large ex-tent on dividend income from

by the company. The estimated cost to the Government of this credit to the gross funds is estimated at around £5hn a year. Because its main beneficiaries are faceless institutions, it is not hard to see why it is likely to be targeted by

a revenue-hungry Chancellor. There are some strong intellectual arguments for getting rid of ACT. It is arguable that the existence of a tax credit on dividends encourages the City's short termism at the expense of the longer-term investment that characterises countries such as Germany and Japan. Pension funds are largely concerned with the cashflow from their investments and the current tax system gives them a strong incentive to put pressure on companies to pay high dividends. Labour has a stated desire to

It is also arguable that even if the Chancellor were not in-

stinctively inclined to tamper with ACL events in the rest of Europe might force his hand. The Irish have recently moved away from the imputation system and in Germany moves are afoot to ahandon a similar regime. Some continental companies such as Hoechst are challenging the Inland Revenue, claiming their UK suhsidiaries are being made to pay

ers are unable to claim back. Yet as individuals are increasingly called upon to provide for their own retirement welfare, it could be unfair to reduce the tax advantages of saving for old age. It can also be claimed that some of the most vulnerable in society would pay for a cut

a tax that their own sharehold-

shares, would be hadly hit by a change. The Wellcome Trust, which funds medical research. has estimated it could be £1m a week worse off.

Finally, it is possible that re-ducing the tax credit could be self-defeating. If companies are forced to pay more into their own pension schemes to make good a shortfall in the value of their funds they will report less taxable profit, cutting the Government's corporation tax take. Assuming the Chancellor

does take an axe to the gross funds' tax credit, one of the most noticeable effects could be a fall in the level of stock market. In theory a 20 per cent reduction in the value of pension funds' income could mean they were only prepared to pay 20 per cent less for that cashflow and the market could fall commensurately. In practice the outcome is like-

ly to be less clear cut. Although pension funds are the biggest sinele class of investor in the stock market, they still only control perhaps 40 per cent of shares, Other investors will not suffer in the same way and shares will retain their value to them.

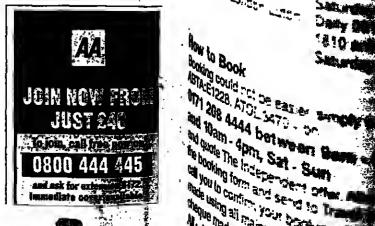
Also, when the last govern-ment reduced the ACT tax credit four years ago from 25 per cent to 20 per cent, raising Libn, the market shrugged off a 6 per cent reduction in its gross dividend income.

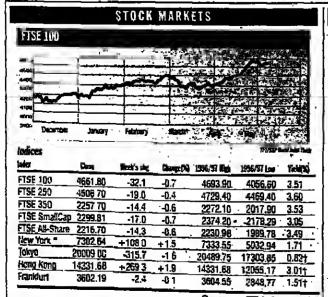
Companies would be affected in different ways. For those UK-based companies which simply pay their ACT and set it off against later Corporation Tax, a reduction or abolition would make no difference except they would have a slight cash flow gain - they would not have to pay their tax in advance.

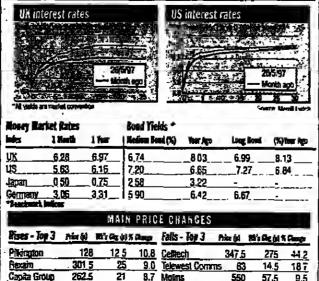
Businesses with a high proportion of overseas earnings might welcome a change. For some companies the amount of ACT they pay on their dividends exceeds the Corporation Tax they pay on the small proportion of carnings they generate in the UK. Ruses such as Foreign Income Dividends (FIDs) bave been concocted to get around the problem, but for many companies surplus ACT bas to be

written off as an expense. The major implication for companies, however, is the pos-sibility that their final salary pen-sion schemes might be rendered, underfunded by a reduction in their income. Tax experts believe a significant proportion of company schemes would be trapped in this way and would have to pay substantial amounts to make good the shortfall.

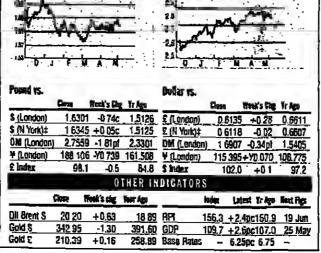
Charities have estimated the cost of an abolition of the tax credit to them might be £250m a year, equal to the amount dis-tributed by the National Lottery Charities Board, Dividend income is one of the few areas in which charities' revenues have grown recently. Other losers include the 2 million holders of Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) for whom the abolition of the tax credit would mean the only advantage of holding shares in a tax-free package would be relief from capital gains tax.



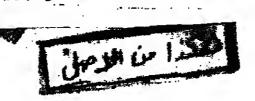




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PGA CHAMPIONSHIP Welshman survives poor drive at last to win over the Burma Road and guarantee himself Ryder Cup place

Woosnam earns reward for his patience Monty at sixes



lan Woosnam plays his way out of trouble with his second shot at the 11th on his way to victory at Wentworth yesterday

ANDY FARRELL

reports from Wentworth

Patience, rather than his more usual aggressive tendencies. helped Ian Woosnam to double his season's earnings by winning the European tour's biggest ever first-place prize of £183,340. If the tussie did not quite live up to the setting or the billing the Welshman's final round of 70 meant he comhandy trin nf Nick Faldo, Ernie

hung on." said Woosnam, who has twice been second this year. "It gives your confidence a hoost to win against one of nur stronger fields and it is nice to out of the best players. You need still he winning tournaments coming up to 40.

The victory, his second in the tournament and the 32nd of his career, took Woosnam to the tno of the Volvn Rankings and

the Ryder Cup qualifying points list, confirming his place in the European team with Colin Montgamerie. Langer and now Clarke as well.

Two years ago, the only season in the last 11 years when he has not won nn tour, Woosnam Maria Olazabal withdrew. Faldo gave himself a lift up the rankings by earning £82,023 to move up to 20th place.

Order of Merit now and it would the Open again. It's been a long greens were getting bouncy. he drove into a bunker and Wentworth does fetch the best caught the lip with his second.

ynung pretender of the pack when Clarke birdied the par-five

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care of now. I'd love to win the

other at the eighth. Woosnam's patience must have heen wearing thin until he finally picked up his first shot of the day by holing from 12 feet at the 12th. A bogey from Clarke at the next followed by a five-iron to 20 feet at the 14th fnr a birdie by Wnosnam took him into the lead by two. "With the others

dropping a couple of shots, I

thought it was a good moment

to finally hole one," he said. There was a momentary flutter when Woosnam, following a disagreement with his caddie, be nice to get into contention at Phil "Wobbly" Morhey, who wanted his boss to hit a one-"I wouldn't say it was one of time," the Welshman added. iron, hooked his drive into deep my spectacular rounds, but I "It was difficult today with the rough at the last. Any danger wind into you one moment and that Clarke would eagle the against you the next, and the hole, though, disappeared when he drove into a bunker and

> Faldo, who was thwarted in his attempt to win a fifth PGA experience here."
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> Woosnam was caught by the year, continued his fine ballstriking of the previous day to fourth and the Irishman went reach the turn in 33. Countless into the lead when he added an-

ing him further under par, before refusing to descend un-derground. His pairing with Els in the penultimate group offered an opportunity for each to fire off the other, but like the 10-day fire on Chobham Commnn which threatened parts of the course last week, both their

hopes were extinguished.

A bogev at the short 14th, where he had overshot the green, was Faldo's only deviation from par on the back nine until he got up and down for a birdie at the last. At the same hole Els hind the green but the hole and stands lot of opportunities, especially over the last few holes.

Such a quality leaderboard, plus the glorious weather, brought out a record crowd nf over 20,000. While Langer and Olazabal bubbled under with

nnship. A delegatinn led by the US captain, Tom Kite, will arnne nutside Wayne Riley's course record, to haul himself rive on Friday 11 July including Tiger Woods, Davis Love, Mark

Meanwhile Seve Ballesteros, who was forced to pull nut of the tournament when a perennial back injury flared up again on Saturday, is considering having an operation. Ballesteros is not sure whether he will play in this week's Deutsche Bank Open in Hamburg or next week's European Grand Prix at Slaley Hall after the latest setback.

"I have a lnt of pain," Seve said. "When I practise more was denied his second eagle of than normal. I feel terrible the the round when his chip from be-next day. I have a hard time The situation is stayed out. "It would have been very difficult. I may think about a miracle if it had gooe in," the an operation." At least, one look south African said. "I missed a at the Ryder Cup standings will have brought a smile back to the European captain's face.

The owenr of Valderrama, Jamie Ortiz-Patino, has announced that a number of potential American Ryder Cup team members will visit the 70s, Montgomerie hurst into the venue for September's match fringes of contention with a 64, prior to the Open Champi-

and sevens after his 64 Tim Glover pursues 'Mr Consistency' across the Burma Road but not even a near course record can raise a smile

Colio Montgomerie usually goes into the US Open in June with a couple of antches an his belt but something is amiss belt but something is amiss carned him a minimum of with Mr Consistency. Even af-ter a 64 yesterday, a stroke outside the course record for the Burma Road, Big Mnnty was not over the moon. Indeed, he

sounded confused. "I'd rather have two rounds of 70 than do what 1 did," Monty said. "I lost it on Sunday. That was very poor for someone of my calibre."

In the third round Mnntgomerie, who was partnered with Nick Faldo, shot 76. Faldo had a nose-bleed. "He shouldn't pick it so much," Montgomerie

Yesterday Mootgomerie played with Roger Chapman and, in their own ways, they rep-resented a couple of hridesjoining the Eu-

is that he has plenty but nothing in the major category. What is even more vorrying is that he has wou nothing this year.

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He shot an 81 in the Masters Meara and David Duval, at Augusta and while the following day Tom Lehman, Tommy Tolles, John threw in another & Hedges In- is not quite right' Cook and Payne Stewart will arrive following the final day of the Gulfstream World Invitational

older than the Tiger. Wentworth has not been the Championship, with a purse of £1.1m, is the Tour's 73. 285 R Burns 72 71 72 07 C Nesson 73 71 28 72 10 Conter 63 74 70 73 P Weston 93 72 70 74; S Arnes (Irm) 70 69 70 76, 286 P Hebborn Short Sheet; 73 71 76 77; R Raffery 74 72 72 68; T Brom (Den) 68 74 75 66; I Pyman 71 73 73 69; J-M Dissabel (Sp) 72 71 73 70; P Cury 71 74 71 70; J Robson 71, 71 71 73; M-A Martin (Sp) 70 75 67 74, 287 A Bosslet (Swi) 73 70; P Cury 73 76 76; P Cury 73 76 76; P Cury 74 77 76; Sheet (Ng) 74 77 72 69; M Cury 74 77 76; Sheet (Ng) 74 77 72 69; M Cury 74 77 76; Sheet (Ng) 74 77 72 69; M Cury 74 71; C Sunseon (Sp) 73 72; R Goosen (SA) 73 74 69; 72 289 P Broadward 72 75 76; Sheet (Ng) 74 77; C R Goosen (SA) 73 74 69; 72 289 P Broadward 72 75 76; Sheet (Ng) 74 77; C R Goosen (SA) 73 74 69; 72 72 73 74; C R Goosen (SA) 73 74 69; 72 72 74; S Contents 71 75 74 75; M Robe 72 73 71 73; C Creprian 71 75 10 72; M Robe 72 73 71 73; C Creprian 71 75 74 70; J Heagagnen (Swe) 67 76 72 73; C Gerbart 71 73 72 74; E Conontics (IV 74 73 69 74; W Westner (SA) 74 70 71 75. was heaten in a play-off by

name nn it. "It's a course I should have do it myself." won on by now," he said. He came here after a successful run come in a new mansion in Suringhamshire in Deoham. That adept at DIY.

As for the Burma Road, the fairways were tighter and the the build of the Scotsman - not

how Monty likes it.
Regarded as one of the most accurate drivers in the game, he par-fives bar the 18th, he had the 571-yard 17th he hit threewood, three-wood to within 15

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so something is not quite right. I had a good chat what has gone not got off the

81 in the Benson Montgomerie: 'Something

Oxfordshire, And he is 10 years Hopefully 1 can take this forward and not stutter from now on. The best way I play golf is oot thinking about things and playing each shot as it comes. I think I have become bogged

down by technique." flagship, Monty, as the winner Last year Montgomerie left of the Order of Merit for the last his coach. Bill Ferguson, and has Last year Montgomerie left he has never won the PGA (he former disciple of David Leadbetter. "I might oot use him as Seve Ballesteros in 1991) but much," Monty said. "Doo't get this one seemed to have his me wrong, he's a good coach but maybe I don't need nne. I can

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2.30: 1. PRAIRIE FALCON U O Smith 7-2: 2. Tikopia 11-4 tav: 3. Radenoch 12-1 13 ran. 21/.. 5. (2 Hd/s). Tota: £3.50; £2.00, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £4.30. CSF; £11.19. Tno; E28.60. 3.00: 1. STAR PRECISION (R Proce) 2.1

tov. 2. Roufentaine: 11-23. Shinkteene; 12-1. 6 rsn. 7. 17... vG Belding: Total: £2.20. £1.10. £1.60. £3.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £12.47. Incast: £95.68. 3.30: 1. MO-ADDAB (S.Whykorth) 4-1; 2. Sewana 12-1: 3. Sharp Shuffle 5-6 to ran. 1., 31/. (A Stewart), Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £2.60, Dual Forecast: £13.50, Computer

4.00: 1. STILET 10 Utbral 6-1; 2. Cug-ins 12-1; 3. Fayir 7-4 fav. 8 ran. 1/s. 3. 0. Currani, Tota: £8.00; £1.30, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £62.00. CSF: £58.29. 4.30: 1. ISLAND GIRL IS WHOWAYIN 3.1.

£6.00. DF: £52.30. CSF: £34.72. 5.00: 1. DEERLY (A POL) 10-1; 2. Newlands Corner 9-1: 3. Make Ready 20-1, 15 ran, 6-1 to Strat 9 Quest, 2, Shihri, ii Oldent, Tote: £12-10: £3-30, £7-20, £7-30, Qual Forecar: £120,00 CSF: £86.92, Thoust £1,672.61. Tho: £322.60 (part won, pool of £408.94 to Regrar 5.15 today Place 6: £469.12. Place 5: £281.71.

FONTWELL

2.00: 1. MAJOR DUNDEE (C Maude) 11. 2.00; 1. Market transper (c. Market 11-10 for; 2. Noble Lord 15-8; 3. Arms Solell 7-2. 6 ran, 4, 16. IM Pipe), 7ota; £2.10; £1.40, £1.60. Oua' Foregast, £2.30, CSF. 2.30; 1. GABISH 15 Fm; 33-1. 2. ShBca-ree 6-1; 3. Hewin 16-1, 13 ran. 2-1 tay Evening Ram. 1.6. (8 Schien). Total

£39.80: £6.30, £2.30, £3.70, DF: £126.10.

tiv: 2. Drumcutten 11-2; 3. Banatown BB 4-1. 8 ran. 4. 17. U King). Totas £2.80; £1.70, £1.74. £1.40. Dual Forecast: £9.40. Computer Straight Forecast: £10.70. Tricast

3.30: 1. ZiNGIBAR (B Fenton) 7-1: 2. Brindley House 3-1 fax, 3. Wieldow Boy 50-1.8 rsn. 34, 21, U M Bradley), Total £8.30; £1.90, £1.80, £6.60, Dust Forecast £21.00. 4.00: 1. MIGHTY FALCON (Mass E Tory) 9-2; 2. Hostiwiew 16-1; 3. Fordstown 16-1. 10 ran. 6-4 fay Trúss Lad (4th). 13, 3.

(Mas Erryna 70ry), Tota: £4.80; £1.60, £3.50. 4.30: 1. CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN IP MCLOURS 4.30:1. CHIEFDAIN'S CROWN IP MCDUS-in) 6-1; 2. Lord Love 9-2; 3. Classic Pai 2-1, 5 ras. 12-10 for Jone Ning (4th, 1%, 3. IT Hard). Tota: 59:20; 52:60, 52:50. Dual Forecast: 532-40. Computer Straight Forecast: 544.17. Moving Out 15-21 was withdrawn not under orders: Rule 4 applies to board prices pitor to withdrawal but not to SP best; deduction 250 at the notice!

£4,049.50. Quedoot: not won (pool

2.30: 1. SONG OF THE SWORD (M A Forgeroid 2-11 tay; 2. Blowing Rock 15-2; 3. Fraser Carey 6-1, 9 ren. 3, 12, U Oko. Tota: £1.50: £1.00, £1.50, £1.70, Dual Forg-cast: £2.30. Computer Streight Forecast:

2.00: 1. MARDOOD (Mest R Clark) 10-1; 2. Provence 12-1; 3. Baylord Prince 20-1; 4. Kasham 10-1, 16 ran, 3-1 fav Look in The Mirror, 1%, 45. (S Clark), Tobre E19.30; The Mirror, 1%, 45, (S Clark), Tetre £19.30; £3.80, £3.90, £6.50, £4.50, Dual Paracast: £143.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £143.08, Tricast: £2.244.14, Non Runners:

Viscount Tuly, Whiteborner.
3.30: 1. CHAN THE MAN (Gzy Lews) 11-2: 2. Weesthaut 12-1; 3. Ruz With Joy 3-16 Fam. 10-11 fav Sorsere (pulted up), 22, 1%. (D. Burchell). Total: £5.70: £1.40, £3,50. DF: £23.00. CSF: £46.14. NR: Myth 4.00: 1. KINNESCASH (MA Fingerski) 10-

AUC:1. Advissorable (M.A. Hoggrad) 10-1.1 for 2. Eurolink The Rabel 10-1; 3. Pol-lah Rider 11-2. 4 mm. 12. 7. (P. Bowen), Tote: £1.80. Dual Forecast: £4.00. Computer Shaight Forecast: £8.18. Non Runners: Darak-Plan, Desent Force. 4.35; 1. NO JOKER (Mr.P. Scott) 7-2 fay, 2. Anjubl 8-1; 3. Ann's Ambition 25-1, 14 ran. 3, 4. (N Geselso). Toto: £4.70; £1.80, £2.90, £6.80, DF: £19.00, Computer Straight

5.05: 1. MAGICAL BLUES (K Gaule) 4-1 co lay: 2. Columb 12-1; 3. Irish Dominion 14-1. 11 ran, 4-1 to faxs Sour To Speak (4tm & Lyphant's Fable Heff). 2, 10. (Mss A Embricos): Cate: £5.50, £2.00, £70, £5.90. Dual Forecast: £18.60. Computer Straight Forecast: £48.94, Treast: £574.42. Non Runners: Mr Poppleton, Pansian, Tethmin, Turti House, Placepot: £821.10. Quadpot: £60.10.

HUNTINGDON 2.00: 1. AIDAR (R Massey) 9-2 Jr tav., 2. Major's Law 12-1; 3. Tee Tee Too 11-1, 10 ran, 9-2 it fav Circus Colours, ht. 4. (O Bren-rian), Tetes E5.90; 52-20, 52-30, 52-80, Dust Forecast £525,70, Compiler Stoaght Forecast £52,13, Tricast: £515-26, Non Runner: Our

RACING RESULT

2.30: 1. CRACILING FROST (R Durwood) 5-4 (av. 2. Dr Rocket 5-1; 3. Alfimec Nomis 11-2. 7 ran. 12, 6. (Mrs 0 Hane). Totac £2.60; £1.60, £2.40. Dual Forecast; £5.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £10.01.
3.05: 1. DWALI DANCER (R Durwoody)
10-11 fav; 2. Send Missile 7-2; 3. Royal
Citizen 16-1, 5 ran, 2, 8. IM Ppe), Total

£2.00; £1.40, £1.60. Dual Forecast: £2.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £4.88. NR: Acts. 1.35: 1. NESTER GOODGLY (D Mores) 5-2; 2. Colonel Cult 16-1; 3. Professor Page 12-1. 10 ran. 2-1 faw Malwood Castle. 3, 2-f. (R. Curtis). Tote: £4-40; £1-80, £4-60. E3.30. Dual Forecast: £53.00. Computer Straight Forecast: £38.82. Theast: £398.17. 4.05: 1. MISTER DRUM (R Durwood)) 2-

5 fax: 2. Sigma Run 3-1; 3. Bugpy Moran 8-1, 5 ran. Dest, dest. (ht Williamson). Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.50. OF: £1.80 CSF: £2.37. 4.25: 1. FUC ROYAL (Chrs Webb) 6-1: 2. Country Orchid 11-8 lay; 3. Qualitair Pride 8-1 12 mm. 14. 11. (S.Medon, Tota; £7.70; £1.50. £1.10, £2.60. DF: £7.50. CSF:

Piscopot: £70.80. Quadpot: £20,70. Pisco 8: £37,42. Pisco 5: £9.96.

2.20: 1. SAPPHIRE RING (T Sprake) 9-

2. Demoition to 13-2; 3. Late Natura 8-1. 12 ras. 7-2 favourite First Cance (4th). 3%, neck. (R Chariton). Totas: £3.50; £1.90, £2.00, £3.00, Dual Foreast: £2.50. Computer Straight Foreast: £32.35. Tota 7no: £72.00

2,55: 1 ARZANI (M Rimmet) 7-1; 2. Acquittes 13-2; 3. Accord necessor 6-1 av. 4. Bloc Aumbo 10-1. 19 ren. 2%; 17. 0 Cos-grove). Tota: £9.10; £2.20, £1.70, £1.80, £2.70. Dust Forecast: £16.90. Computer Streight Forecast: £48.67. Theast: £275.90. The: £22.80.

3.25: 1. SWEET WILHELMINA (Amee Cook 6-1; 2. Carburton 16-1; 3. Issues 8-1, 11 ran. 9-2 it tays Wokeel & Dis. 3th, 1. Constant Epitod, Transcription (CAS), £3.50, £3.80, £3.80, £3.20, Consular Straight Forecast £97.00, Tricast £726.88. Tho: £188.40 (part won, pool of £193.71 to Red-

2188-30 (per wit, porto £183.71 in ren-car 5.15 today). 3.55: 1. HENRY'S MOTHER (R Perham) 7-6 tax; 2. Mr Passadise 8-1:3. Farley Mount 12-1. 10 ran. 1/s, 1/s, (M Charrier), Tota: 52.70: £1.30, £1.60, £2.80, DP: £8.00. 4.25: 1. SUN IN THE MORNING IM HIS

5-2 far; 2. Deni Fach 6-1: 3. Sendy Shore 16-1. 9 ran. hd. 1%. (B Mechan). Total £3.80; £1.70, £1.90, £2.20. Df: £10.30. Computer Streight Forecast: £17.13. Tho: £61.30. 4.55: 1. EVAPORATE () Footb) 20-1; 2. Richard 11-4 by; 3. May King Mayhem 16-1. 15 res. 2, 1. (W Heaton-Elis). Tota: £62.50; £6.70, £1.80, £3.50. 0F: £114.20,

Computer Straight Forecast: £96,77, Incast: £874,45, Tho: £189,40 (part won, pool of £240,21 to Redcar 5.15 today). NS: Prove 5.25: 1. MR BERGERAC (T Sprake) 2-1 Tay, 2. Ed's Folly 12-1; 3. Luner Hist 4-1. 10 ran. 1/s. hd. (8 Paling). Tota: £2-80; £2-10, £2-30, £1-90. DF: £37,60. Computer Straight

Forecast: £30.78. Tricast: £90.28. Trio: £41.00. ot: £213.30. Occident: £38.50.

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2.15: 1. SANDSIDE (P Fessey) 7-2; 2. Angal HBI 3-1 fay; 3. Cumbrian Gadet 20-1.
12 mm. sht-ht, 1. U Berry, Codemann). Toke: £2.90. £1.20, £1.80. £5.30. Dual Forecast: £2.90. CSF: £12.44. 7no: £78.60.
2.45: 1. SLIPER BENZ (D Peors) 6-5 fay; 2. Dispol Diarmond 11-4; 3. Impain 13-2. 10 ram. nl, 4-, £1 L fave, Thrsb., Toke: £1.90. £1.40. £1.40. £1.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.76. 3.15: 1. FANTAR IM Henry 3-1 It lav. 2.

Quezon City 7-1; 3. Medison Welcome 13-2, 10 ran. 3-1; it for Krosno (4th), 1%, 1. (M. 7ompkes, Newmarkst), Tota; £3.80; £1.60, £3.00, £2.40, DF: £20.20, CSF: £24,98.7ncast: £120,96. Tng: £96,10. NR: Beau Roberto.

3.45: 1. CHAMPAGNE PRINCE (C Lowber)

8-1; 2. Weth 12-1; 3. Angel Face 14-1, 12 ran. 9-2 fav Najm Mubeen, rik. Vi. (P Harns, Berkhamsted). Tota: £7.00; £2.20. £4.70, £3.40. Dual Forecast: £75.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £74.43, Tricost: £906.90, 7no: £560.70. £905.90. Tro: £560.70.

4.15: 1. TABLWIND IM Roberts! 2-1; 2.
Bongo 10-1: 3. Prince of Parkes 13-3-tiv.
B ran. str.hd, 2. (W Mur. Lambourn). Totac
£3.30; £1.10. £4.20, £1.10. DF; £13.40.
Computer Straight Forecast: £21.32. Tro:
£13.40. After a stewards inquiry, the result

4.50: 1. CAMPASPE U Forture; 11-4 tav; 2. Domeppel 9-2; 3, Highfield Fizz 10-1. 10 ran. 1-7, 2-7. U FitzGerald, Malton). Total £3.90; £1.60, £2.60, £3.60. Dual Forecast: £8.10. CSF; £15.92. 7ncsst £108.91. 7nc: £114.40.

Place 6: £36.99, Place 5: £19.86.

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2.05; 1, OUT UNE (N Variey) 16-1; 2, Armitian 8-1; 3, Dancing Drop 8-1, 9 ran, 3-1 fav Place d'Amour, six-hd, ½ (M Madgatck, Denmead). Total: £16.50; £3.40, £2.40, £2.20. Dual Forecast: £89.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £114.43. Truest: £930.56.

Trus: £261,50.
236: 1. PERSIAN PUNCH IN Cocharel
3-1; 2. Celeric 7-4 tex; 3. Eve Luna 11-1.
7 ran. 1/n, 1. (D Esworth, Whatcombo). Total
£4.20; £2.80. £1.40. DF; £3.60. Comput-24.20; 12.80; 21.40; Dr; 23.60; Computer Straight Forecast: 27.97.
3.06: 1. CROFT POOL (6 Carter) 20-1; 2. Brave Edge 25-1; 3. Bolebol 15-2. 10 ran. 9-4 fav Fartarra; 3., bd, U Glover, Worksop). Tote: 128.90; £4.50, £4.00, £1.90, Duel £375.46, Teo: £73.70.

3.40: L RESATURE (M.) Kreino (5-2 fav. 2. Bold Words 8-1; 3. Samera 9-1; 4. Crumpton Hill 10-1. 17 ran. 174, 174. (M. SDUSS. Newtracket). Total: 5.70; £1.40. £2.00, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £12.70. Computer Straight Forecast: £20.11. Tocast: £159.06. Toc: £133.70. NR: Stone Ridge. 4.10: 1. KRLCORA (K Fallon) 6-1: 2. Feliklone 4-5 (av. 3. Sada 20-1. 10 ran. hd. 1%. IC Dwyer, Newmarker), Totac £7.50; £1.70, £1.30, £4.40, DF; £5.50, Computer Strage Forecast: £10.11. Trio: £74.80. 4.46:1 PLAN FOR PROFIT (J Wesser) 18-1; 2. Signs And Wonders 12-1; 3. Rotor Man 25-1. 15 rsn. 7-4 (av Punchesing Pow-

Total: £19.80: £4.10, £3.20, £10.60, DP-

Tricast: £4,409.39. 7no: £1,163.50. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood. 5.20: 1. FAHS (T Quirn) 13-2; 2. No. 5.20: 1. PAHS (T Quirmi 13-2; 2. Nordansk: 16-1; 3. Typhood Eight 20-1; 4. Gold De-uire 5-1 jr.-tw. 16 ran. 6-1 jr.-fav Pekoy (Stri). 5, 17h. IR Akehurst, Epsomi, Teta: £8.20; £2.40, £4.40, £4.40, £1.80. Del Forscast: £101.00. CSF: £59.24, Tricast: £1.831.79.

Tho: £483.00. NR: Rivers Magic.
Jackpot: £23,288.10 (part won, pool of £29,520.16 to Redcar today). £3.407.00 Quadrot: £267.70. Place 6: £1.864.86, Place 5: £314.10.

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2.30: 1. GLAMANCLITZ (A P McCov) 2-1. fav. 2. Little Gains 9-2: 3. Dara's Co

4 fav; 2. Bodantree 4-1; 3. Emerald Ven-ture 25-1, 9 ran. 3½, 3½. (8 Llewellyn), Tota: £2.30; £1.10, £1.70, £5.10. DF; £5.90, CSF; E8.94. Treast: £124.71. Winner bought in for 3,500 guneas. 3.30: 1. DOUALAGO (A P McCoyl 2-1 R fav; 2. Jimmy O'Dea 5-1; 3. Copper Mine 2-1 it fav, 6 run. 9, 15. (M Pipe). Tota: £2.60; £1.70, £2.20, Dual Forecast: £4.70, CSF:

4.00; 1. NORTHERN STARLIGHT (A P M; Coyl 5-4 fav; 2. Percy Brahtmath 5-1; 3. Amlah 5-2, 5 ran. 6, 10. (M Pipel, Tota: £2.10; £1.30, £1.90, DF: £3.50, CSF: £7.76.

4.30: 1. WOT NO GIN IN WHAT 2: 2: No Fidding 7-2; 3: Miners Rest 7-2. 6 mm. 5-2 fav Alaskari Her. 27, 3. (A.) Wil-soni. Totes: £5.60; £1.80, £2.90. DF: £11.10. CSF: £19.43.

5.00: 1. MORDIC BREEZE (A P McCo)/ 2-5 tav; 2. Bellidium 100-1; 3. Khellikhomm 16-1. 7 ran. 4, 2. (M Pipel, Yote: £1.40; £1.10. £11.00. Dual Forecast: £51.20. Placepot: £20.70. Quadpot: £5.00. Place 8: £31.08. Place 5: £16.62.

WETHERBY

2.15: 1. KIRSTENBOSCH (W Dowlne) 5 2.15: 1. KRESTENBOSCH (W Dowing) 5-1; 2. Sousce 9-4 far; 3. Karlant 5-2. 10 ren. 6, 6. ft. Lungo). Tota: £6.60; £1.70, £1.20, £1.60. Dual Faracest: £6,40. Computer Straight Forecast: £17.00. 2.45: 1. LEPTON (R.JOTHON) 7-1; 2. Movie

15a Meta Men. 4, 2, 0 Curet, Tota: £11.30; £2.80. £2.50, £2.10. DF: £80.40, CSF: £93.46, 3.15: 1. TEEJAYN'AITCH (MISS A Derive) 7-4 fay: 2. Klerchem 3-1; 3. Mr Modarty 11-2 6 ran. 2, S. U Goldel, Tota: £2.50; £1.60, £1.50. Duel Forecast; £3.40, CSF;

3.45: 1. GLEMOT (Mr R Walley) 15-8; 2.

Sounds Strong 4-9 tav. 2 rae. 1%. (K Rolley). Tota: £2.20. Non Rumer; Buckboard 1; 2. Shull Soor 33-1; 3. Simply Perfect 20-1. 15 ran. 2-1 fav Great Gusto. 1/s. 2. 201. 15 ran. 2-1 fev Great Gusto. 1/s, 2. ID Nichols). Tota: 15.80; £2.00, £3.70, £3.70, £5.70, Dual Forecast: £346.50, CSF: £130.56. Non Renner: Saroy, 4.45: 1. Lagan, Rt Johnson; 9-2; 2. Going Primitive 7-1; 3. Sallormaite 14-1. 2 ran. 15-8 fay in Good Farth (4th), 12. 4, 18 Monthal, 1546: £4.70, £1.90, £1.00, £0.00.

Morgani, Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £1.60, £2.20. Duel Forecast £15.30, CSF, £34.18, NR: Regal Eagle. Placapot: £3,533,70. Quadpot: £177,30. Placa 8: £502.76. Place 5: £383,74.

REDCAR 2.15 Flower Of Carmie 2.45 Hi Mujtahid 3.15 For The Present 3.45 Monarch's Pursuit 4.15 Klondike Charger 4.45 Weetman's Weigh 5.15 Harvey White

at Loch Lomond.

GOING: Unod to Firm (Good in places). STALLS: Straight coarse - centre; remainded BRAW ADVANTAGE: (ligh from 5f to 1m. DEAM ADVACTABLE: (11gn from 31 to 1m.

Left-hand, light course, with a one mile straight.

Course is off A1081 [sign;cosed from A66]. Redear station (Darlington – Saliburn line) 200/cl, ADMISSION: Club & 12; Paddock SB (OAP-53.50); Course \$2.50 (OAP-\$1.25), CAR PARK: Free, BLINEERED FUEST TURE: Canton Ron (2.45); Brecongill Lud (whered (3.16); Elekonomus (3.45); Quest For Best (whored) (4.15), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Form.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Name. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Move With Edes (4.45) has been 2.15 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 added 2YO filles 67 BEHOLD I Fancture 8 11

BOLLINGER ROSE J J O'Neil 8 11

ELLA FALLS TO Barron 8 11

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PETTPAC: 7-2 Sharp Cracker, 9-2 Payrama, Behold, 8-1 inclusiong, Patricias,
Shabyah, 10-1 Ella Fells, Pirmer D'Carrie, Imperial Honey, 20-1 others

2.45 REDCAR AMATEURS MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS G) £2,875 added 6f 03-0 MYSTIC MAZD (9) 11 Horrs 4 12 0.....Mrs C WI

44400 SPLASHED (22) 7 D Barron 3 11 0...Miss M Kwethen (5) 11 520-00 CM/TGH ROW (30) C Dwyer 3 10 13....Me 7 McCarthy 10 B 030 BELLANDIA (35) M Dots 3 10 13......Me S Switers 18 0-0466 Senss COAST (16) N Tirrier 3 10 13.........Miss J Allison 23

00400 RUSTIC SONC (2009) Whatton 4.9 11... Mags 8 Code/house (5) 8 000 INTERACTION (2009) R Croger 3.9 10...... Miles N Croger 171 16 00-000 SILLINT SYSTEM (202) D Creaman 4.9 7... New V Latenhak (5) 1.4 -26 dociared BETHING: 7-1 Gay Breeze, 5-1 High Spirits, Spiashed, Only Jech, Chief's
Lady, 10-1 Maan, 14-1 Hi Multahid, Canton Ron, Bellanda, 15-1 others

3.15 DORMANSTOWN SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 added 5f

0360-3 FOR THE PRESENT (28) (C) 7 D Barron 7 9 10...... X Durbay 8 30-066 SWYNFORD DREAM (L3) (CD) J Bottomby 4 9 9.... J Lowe 3 1216-6 AGOM STRING; (FR (256) (D) H ANDAY 7 9 8.... T E Dursdin (5) 4 33304- TOP 07 THE PORM (259) (D) M Johnston 3 9 4 J Weener 10 44160 4-4160 SPENDER (15) (0) P Hams 8 9 4..... 02000- TART AND A HALF (182) (D) J L Eyr: 58 13... M Gallagher 2 B 00000 INSDER TRADER (9) (D Br) NRS 1 Forester of the Financial Storage (100-0 ARTARCTIC STORAM (10) R Fatey 4 B 1 Financial Fi

3.45 SKELTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F)

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4.15 KIRKLEATHAM RATING RELATED MAID-EN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 1m 2f

BETTING: 3-1 Knodike Charger, 7-2 Quest for Best, 4-1 Heart Of Gold, 6-1 Dancing Queen, 10-1 Allied Academy, Madison Mist, 12-1 others

4.45 BELLINGHAM LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D)

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~ 1.5 Option of the Present, 6-1 Bleasing adaptive, 7-1 Seyeford Dreem, Squire Corrie, 8-1 Spander, Insider Trader, Top Of The Form, 12-1 others

- 15 declared -BETTING: 5-1 Alagna, 6-1 Methwood, 7-1 Arissig, Nionarch's Pursuit, 8-1 Abrellan, Grovefair Lud, 10-1 Ziggy's Viole, Spondolicies, 12-1 others

BETTING: 9-4 Weetman's Weigh, 7-2 Toujours Riviers, 4-1 Quiting, 9-2 Mountgate, 12-1 Move With Edea, Spotted Eagle, 14-1 Prominent

5.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS E)

-15 declared -SETTRIC: 7-1 Pride Of Pendle, 8-1 Dispoi Gem, Leff The Lucky, Bades 24, Nobby Barnes, 18-1 Road, Bulsara, Spanish Verdick, 13-1 others

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Will Labour's Welfare to Work really work?

create lots of jobs," a wag remarked the other day. "Judging by the number of taskforces, committees and commissions JOHN PHILPOTT being established by Mr Blair and Co to advise on different aspects of policy the mar-ket for the Great and the Good must be overbeating already." Cynicism indeed. Yet the observation conceals a more serious ques-'Ministers must quickly

tion. Will New Labour's policy activism re-Britain's jobless?

ally make a difference to the plight of There is no doubting the Government's commitment to tackling unemployment as evidenced by the sheer scale of its proposed New Deal which will absorb £3bn of extra public speoding financed from the windfall levy. The guarantee of a joh or training op-portunity to under 25s who have been unemployed and on benefit for more than six months plus all others unemployed for more than two years will when operational extend to some 400,000 people. The mood in Whitehall as ministers and officials pre-pare their Welfare to Work Budget offers a refreshing change from the stale reticence of recent years. But commitment is not enough. The phrase that hangs over so many of the fledgling administration's policy proposals at present is "the devil is in the detail". Opposition by soundbite was effective; Government requires something more solid. In particular, ministers must quickly

of their Conservative predecessors. On the face of things the Government's menu of measures – temporary tax rebates to employers who hire and train the young and long-term jobless, short-term environmental and community jobs etc-lonks like

demonstrate why and how their plans will

prove more effective at getting young peo-

ple and the long-term unemployed into jobs, and thus reduce the benefit bill, than those

Cof course the Labour Government will create lots of jobs," a wag remarked the other day. "Judging by the number of ting the dole queues. So how successful is the Government likely to be in turning its rhetoric on jobs into reality? The Government seems set to score well on two counts.

First, macroeconomic conditioos are favourable to the Welfare to Work strategy, with continuing recovery in the labour market reducing the number of benefit claimants. All ton often major jobs programmes are introduced as an emergency measure in times of recession and then fall flat because demand for labour is weak. The recent experience of several continental EU countries. not least France where supply side measures have struggled in the face of inappropriate macroeconomic policy, is telling in this respect. Second, the Government is right to opt for guaranteed provision for all jobless people in the targeted groups. This kind of approach seems to result in more unemployed people coming off benefit of their own volition rather than waiting for the job guar-antee to come into effect (perhaps, as in the Government's proposals for the under 25s,

turns to the specific elements of the Welfare to Work plan. The tax rebate proposal will take centre stage because it is thought to be more cost effective. Unlike measures that create environmental or community jobs the Exchequer merely has to fund a payment to employers – £60 per week for six months for the young jobless, £75 for the two-year plus unemployed – rather than the full cost of sup-porting a person in work. Moreover, training-related job placements with employers at normal rates of pay offer jobless people

better work experience and improve their chances of moving off welfare loog-term. In practice the rebate might support jobs that would exist without it (the so-called "deadweight" effect) or displace other jobs. thereby reducing the impact of the rebate and increasing the net cost. Of these deadweight is likely to prove the most problematic - international experience suggests deadweight typically accounts for around half of jobs supported in this way. Displacement

because the guarantee effectively replaces is of less economic significance. Assuming the right to benefit).

Matters become less certain when one ployable their entry to the unemployment that displaced workers are inherently em-ployable their entry to the unemployment pool should cause the labour market to adjust to re-absorb them into jobs.

The design and precise operation of the rebate will be crucial to reducing these unsavoury side effects. However, attaching strings to the rebate will almost certainly reduce take-up, an outcome that will be exacerbated if employers also find that the long-term jobless are not well prepared to hold down jobs. Similarly, as Dan Finn points out in a recent study of Australian jobs programmes published by the Unemployment Unit, in relation to the very long-term jobless tax rebates should be the last stage in a

sequence of support designed to prepare m-dividuals to cope with a return to work.* Taking these factors into account the Government could find it has to rely more than it anticipates on temporary environmental or community work schemes in or-der to meet its Welfare to Work guarantee. In this respect the Government's most significant jobs proposal could turn out to be Neighbourhood Match, a vehicle for testing so-called Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) models of employment and training delivery.

ILM initiatives, normally run by highly en-

trepreneurial not-for-profit organisations, link temporary jobs and training to com-munity regeneration or the provision of services to deprived local communities. ILMs are intermediate first in the sense that they build a bridge between long-term unemployment and work and second in that they fill gaps in service provision oot well met by private or public sector enterprises. ILMs normally create job opportunities, paid at the rate for the job, by combining benefit income with other resources such as local authority grants. The various projects run by the Glasgow-based Wise Group are perhaps the

best-known examples of ILM initiatives, the evaluated success rates of which look good in comparisoo with other publicly funded job and training schemes (see table and note that the Wise Group's job entry rate has risen above 50 per cent since these figures were compiled). The Wise Group results are su-perior to those of Training for Work in Glas-gow although similar to Training for Work in England and Wales. But the latter recruits a much lower proportion of people who have

been unemployed for more than a year.

So far so good. But Treasury officials cast a wary eye at the Wise Group – at around £14,000 per job per year the group's operation looks very expensive by the standards of conventional government-funded pro-

This crude perspective, bowever, is short-sighted. Wheo one accounts for the savings that accrue from the Wise Group's superi-or performance in helping its participants enter jobs, the group appears to offer a good value, if not necessarily free, lunch to the taxpayer. And when one accounts for the valuable social outputs and reduced social costs that flow from the Wise Group's activities the rate of return to the ILM looks more attractive still.

The Government has much to learn as it moves along the Welfare to Work learning curve. The key to success lies in recognising the limits of jobs programmes as well as their potential. Implemented with care and sufficient resources the Government's programmes could work wonders for the jobless. But don't expect them to work miracles.

Dan Finn, Working Nation: Welfare Reform and the Australian Job Compact for the Long-Term Unemployed', Unemployment Unit.

John Philpott is director of the Employment Policy Institute, an independent think-tank.

Adtranz wins £150m order from Connex Industry backs PFI plan

Randeep Ramesh fransport Correspondent

Adtranz, the Derby-based train manufacturer, bas been chosen as the preferred hidder to supply 30 new trains to a private commuter train service in a deal which industry experts suggest is worth £150m. The order is for 30 four-car trains for Connex South Eastern, the Frenchowned company which runs commuter services from Lon-

the trainmaker, which last week finalised a £38m order for 13 units from Midland Mainline, a division of National Express. According to industry sources Adtrang beat off still competition from GEC Alsthorn Metro-Cammell but clinched the deal

with lower maintenance costs. The package comes with a tight timetable. Connex was awarded a 15-year franchise

The deal is another fillip for This order will mean that 16 authorities from Stagecoach in trains will have to be in service by April 1999, which leaves little time for the carriages to pass Railtrack's stringent safety tests.

Although the privatised rail industry has been quick to trumpet new orders, it has been quiet about the lack of completed deals.

Despite a rash of announcements by owners, the deals have produced only 47 new on the coodition that the com- units. Of these, 30 units were the pany ordered oew rolling stock. price extracted by competition

order to purchase Porterbrook, one of the three train leasing

Wise Group and Training for Work trainees

for more than I year prior to teaming

Separately, Eurotunnel bas come under attack from the rail industry for "seriously hampering" the growth of container traffic under the Channel with its "excessive charges". Lord Berkeley, the Labour

peer who chairs the Rail Freight Group, complained in a letter to John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, that rather

than using the railway freight link "it would cheaper to unload a freight train from Glasgow at Ashford, put the containers on a lorry... and take them across to Calais and load them back

onto a train". The industry body called for the Government to refuse the extension of Eurotunnel's 65year franchise, which the company is desperate to clinch in order to ease its new £2bn debt package, until Eurotunnel reduced its charges.

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

The Confederation of British Industry has strongly backed the Government's plans to review private finance initiative, a move which brings the policy agenda at the employers' organisation even closer to Labour.

In its response to the Governmeot's 12-point plan to shake up the PFI, the CBI backed calls for the abolition of

universal testing for state rojects to assess their compatibility with the initiative, a Conservative policy widely blamed for delays to high-profile investment

projects.
The CBI also supported suggestions that it would have a formal consultative role with the Treasury through joint working parties, a development it said would help to huild consensus with the private sector.

Charles Cox, chairman of the CBI's public procurement

and efficiency committee, said better project selection was now the top priority, along with clearer legal guidelines on the relationship between the pub-

lic and private sectors.

Mr Cox said the biggest challenge was in the National Health Service, where many hospital building projects had become bogged down with unnecessary hureaucracy. He feared the same would happen with education and local government investments.

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Classics master is ready to retire

With an economy of words so typical of the man - in his deal-ings with the media, at least a single-paragraph statement to the Press Association yesterday announced that the 40-year training career of Major Dick Hern is approaching its con-clusion. Having spent four decades collecting Classics at an average rate of more than one every two years, and preparing dozens of magnificent performers including Brigadier Gerard. Nashwan, Dun-fermline, Troy and Dayjur, the Major has decided that when the season ends, his licence

will finally be allowed to lapse. Even if Hern, who is 76, fails to add another Group One victory to his record in the five months which remain, he will enter retirement as one of the most consistently successful trainers the British turf has seen. In all, he saddled the winners of 16 British Classics including three Derby winners in Henbit. Troy and Nashwan, and another 10 in Ireland and France, as well as five winners of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and four of the Eclipse.

Despite suffering three major misfortunes – a broken neck which confined him to a wheelchair in 1984, major heart surgery in 1988 and, perhaps most cruelly, eviction from his West Ilsley stables in 1991 - his run of victories in the best events spanned 33 years, from Hethersett's St Leger in 1962 to Harayir's 1,000 Guineas in 1995.

"I have been lucky enough to train some very good horses for some very good owners," Hern's statement said. "I have enjoyed every minute of it." The brief communication gave no clue as to any reason for the timing of Hern's announcement, nor the secret of his prolonged success, but on the latter point at least, enlightenment was available from Neil Graham,

Dick Hem is to relinquish his training licence.

Greg Wood reports Hern's assistant for several

years and the man who briefly inherited the West Ilsley licence while the Major recovered from his heart operation.

"He was always a very fair man," Graham said, "tough, but very fair. He was one of the last of the great all-round horsemen, he trained the three-day-event team in his day, and he really got his horses fit." Hern's coolness towards the

media often made him appear an aloof, forbidding character to both journalists and racegoers, but among friends and colleagues he was an altogether different proposition. "He wasn't as forbidding as he looked." Graham said. "That was to do with his professionalism and his seriousness at the racecourse, but when he was offduty he was certainly a man who knew how to enjoy himself. He had a great sense of humour, he loved to tell jokes, and singing

songs was his hig thing." Many of Hern's fellow trainers also had personal memories and tributes to offer yesterday. Peter Walwyn, who saddled Grundy to defeat Hern's Busti-



Hern: 'a proper sportsman'

no in the 1975 King George, re-called that "he was the first to come and shake my hand. He is a great chap who has battled with adversity and done very well. He is a proper sportsman."

John Dunlop said that Hern is "someone I admire greatly over almost anybody. He continued as a top-class trainer not just after his accident but through illness as well."

It was a fall while indulging his lifelong passion for hunting which confined Hern to a

"It was a huge blow," Graham says. "I think more than

It has been a quiet season so far for the Major, but Falak, s winner at Doncaster on Saturday, is an improving threeyear-old and there are 20 juveniles in his care at King-wood House. "It would he nice," Graham said, "if he could come up with a good two-yearold." Given the form of Hern's 40 seasons with a licence, few punters would care to het

wheelchair 13 years ago, but the order to leave West Isley which followed five years later was just as devastating a blow. The yard was owned by The Queen, for whom Hern had trained the Classic winners Highelere and, in her Jubilee year, Dunfermline, but any disappointment or billerness he may have felt about his replacement by Lord Huntingdon, godson of Lord Carnaryon, the Queen's racing manager, was very typically kept to himself.

anything it was a knock to his confidence." Others retained their helief in his abilities, however, and Hern was soon installed in Lambourn, at a yard rebuilt from scratch on his behalf by Hamdan Al Maktoum. Though he took time to adjust, Hern rewarded the Sheikh's support with Group One victories by Dayjur, Harayir and Alhaarth, the champion juvenile of 1995



Fallon to appeal against Verse ban

GREG WOOD

Although it remains unclear precisely when it will start and finish, Kieren Fallon announced yesterday that he will appeal against the 10-day suspension imposed by stewards after the Derby Italiano on Sunday which could force him to sit out the Derby, French Oaks and, most significantly, the original Oaks at Epsom on 6 June, in which he was expected to ride Reams Of Verse, the hot favourite.

Confusion as a result of the Bank Holiday weekend and the closure of offices in Italy and

England means that the dates between which the Italian stewards wish Fallon to remain idle will not be confirmed until today, but the jockey sees no rea-son to delay his response.

"I am going to appeal and my agent is sorting it out for me," Fallon said yesterday. "I was challenging in the straight when my horse [Ed Dunlop's Musi-cal Dancer] went left. There was a horse on my quarters that I was not aware of and they say I cost it second place. There was nothing I could have done. 1 didn't use my whip until well into the straight and he started hanging before that."

four days after an incident at Doncaster on Saturday, and a fortnight on the sidelines would

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Princess Danielle (Leicester 4.00) **NB: Burnt Offering** (Sandown 8.50)

challenge for the jockeys' title, which he leads by five winners. Henry Cecil, Fallon's main employer and the trainer of Reams Of Verse and another potential Oaks challenger, Yash-

Fallon was also banned for mak, said: "It seems rough jusrice, he couldn't do anything about it and it's a shame because he has been doing so well."

There should be better news for both trainer and jockey at Sandown tonight, when Bosra Sham, winner of the 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes last season, sets off on her fouryear-old campaign in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes. The best evening card of the summer includes the National Stakes for juveniles, in which Danyross is a challenger from the yard of Aidan O'Brien, successful in both the Irish 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas at the weekend.

The highlight of yesterday's card at the Esher track was a thorough beating for the bookmakers, thanks to the victory of Insatiable in the Whitsun Cup. Michael Stoute's runner, a 13-2 chance in the morning, was backed down to favouritism at 5-2 by the off and more than recouped losses after defeats for the market leaders in both the Henry II Stakes and the Temple Stakes. David Elsworth's Persian Punch and Croft Pool, giving Jeremy Glover one of the most pres-

tigious victories of his career,

were the respective winners of

the day's two Pattern events.

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swouths over tonight's trip at york on his reoppearance. A full-brother to a winner in reason, this fine-looking cold will be all the better for this recent outling and should open his ecoponit this time. Bold Demissed, who represents Goldolphin, rates the main threat on his ecopied to Single Empire at Newmarket this month – his first appearance since a fourth to Carberrus at Doncaster last November on his only outing at two years old. Henry Ceol's Machiavallin, who drifted from 3-1 to double those odds when third of 16 to Tanaasa at Leicester last morth, is bound to have benefited from that minatinum.

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Benny The Dip (J Gosden)	8-1	8-1	7-1	7-
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Grapeshot (I. Cumeni)	14-1	25-1	16-1	20-
Romanov (P Chapple-Hyam)	14-1	_	16-1	25-
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Musakal (P Chapple-Hyem)	33-1	23-1	23-1	25-
Symonds Inc (J Fitzgereid)	25-1	23-1	33-1	343-
Single Empire (P Chapple-Hvam)	33-1	25-1		40-

Five for McCoy THE INDEPENDENT

Tony McCoy rode a 77-1 fivetimer at Uttoreter yesterday on Glamanglitz (2-1), Strike-A-Pose (7-4), Doualago (2-1), Northern Starlight (5-4) and Nordic Breeze (2-5). "I've had four-timers, but this is the first time I've ridden five," McCoy said. He moves on to 180 winners for the season but played down his chance of reaching 200. "It's not on my mind. I would say it is impossible," he said.

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REDCAR	971	981
LEICESTER	972	982
SANDOWN (E)	973	983
HEXHAM (E)	974	984
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Brothers born in Australia but bred for England

So is the atutude, accent and approach. But after a week in which the Hollioake brothers have helped tranform English morale in the build-up to the Ashes series, traditionalists can take comfort in one aspect of Adam and Ben's background. They are typically English when it comes to their cricket education.

The Hollioake parents, John and Daria, are Australian and both sons were born in Melhourne. But both Adam and Ben have lived here for more than a decade. They were schooled in this country, and - somewhat ironically given the current concern about the development of young talent here - their cricketing skills were brought on in England nurseries.

For this reason they regard themselves as English, with Adam hecoming especially fierce when his allegiance is challenged. "I learned all my

the roots are Australian. another country credit for what cricket development, who has England has done for me?" He took particular pride in leading England A on a triumphant tour of Australia last winter. He had already made his

at the progress Ben has made." England debut in one-day in-But, after Adam's two halfternationals by then, against centuries and Ben's bravura 63 Pakistan last summer, and his in 48 balls in the one-day internationals, Edwards is in no selection this time around raised few eyebrows. Ben's, doubt about where the pair are headed, "Adam is a Test class however, did. Even Mike Edbatsman," he said. "And Ben wards. Surrey's director of

Adam Hollioake

been as close as anyone to the

Hollioakes during their for-mative years, admitted yester-

day: "I've been a little surprised

1971 Born Melbourne, 5 September. 1984 Moved to England from family nome in Parth.

1989 Taken on Surrey staff, trum Australia with the county's Young Crick-eters team.

1990 Tours New Zestend with England

Young Cricketers. 1992 Makes Surrey one-day debut. 1993 First-class debut for Surrey against Derbyshire. Scores a century. 1996 International debut at Edglos-ton in Texaco Trophy against Pakistari. Captain of England A tour to Australia. Capean or Engan or has wormen. 1997 Appointed captain of Surrey. Hits winning runs in all three of England's winning runs in all three of England's Despite their Australian background, Adam and Ben Hollioake have

Edwards' knowledge of the

brothers allows him to see the contrasts as well as the simi-

larities. "In attitude they are dif-

ferent," he said. There is an air of menace to Adam when he is

out in the middle. He is more

intense. Ben is more laid back."

haps for someone with an A-lev-

cls in philosophy - appears to be the greater thinker about the

game. Ben is still in a carefree

spirit. But they both possess a

sense of humour. The message

on Adam's mobile phone an-

swer service give the impression

Adam - not surprisingly per-

benefited from an English cricketing education. David Llewellyn reports

has the potential to become a couple of occasions in Pakistan he got a couple of nigeling in-juries and other people would Test all-rounder." John Abrahams, who as have said they were not fit enough to play."

coach to the England Under-19 side watched Ben shine on the tour to Pakistan last winter, also redicts a glittering future for the 19-year-old, "He has the potential to be a geouine allrounder at Test level," the former Lancashire captain said vesterday.

"He can be someone who can hold down a place as a bowler or as a haisman and he is not a bad fielder either. He has a lot of self-belief and confidence but that doesn't mean he's arrogant about his abilines
- he just backs himself. He is mature both physically and

"He wants to play and he wants to better himself. On a pause, "hello," as if he can't

Edwards recalled that Adam first came to Surrey's notice . when he was 12 and a pupil at St George's School, Weybridge: "He was a fast bowler then. But a back injury in his late teens, something which Ben also suffered but a littler earlier in his

case, meant Adam could not

quite hear the caller, then a bowl as fast after it was oper-snigger and the instruction to ated on. He turned to bat-leave a message since he is not actually available.

Suffered in the same way even though he underwent corrective

Surgery for a stress fracture.

These days Adam insists that
he is a one-day all-rounder, but just a batsman in the firstclass game. (As Surrey's 25-yearold captain, he is able to play himself as he sees best.) Adam



last summer, possesses more natural ability. I have to work at my game," Adam has said. "It

all comes naturally to Ben. But while both have learned their cricketing basics over here, that hard-nesed, hard-headed. hard-eyed, typically Southern hemisphere approach which has helped establish them in the Surrey senior set-up has been further enhanced in one of the hest finishing schools in the game: winters spent playing grade cricket in Australia.

Yesterday the brothers were at Bexley Cricket Club in Kent to take part in a charity six aside tournament, organised in memory of the Surrey wickel-keeper Graham Kersey, who died during the winter. The Hollicakes were particularly fond of Kersey and joined the rest of the Surrey squad to help raise money for cricket for the hlind. After the glory of Lord's they were back where they belong. Among English cricket's

Robinson leads Wigan rampage

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

St Helens

Victories over the old enemy do not come any sweeter than this. To run in 11 tries against the team that had temporarily usurped your crown is the stuff that

dreams are made of in Wigan. Spearheaded by a hat-trick of tries from Jason Robinson and masterminded by an exemplary display of loose-forward skills from Andy Farrell, Wigan swept Saints aside at Knowslev Road

Saints started without four injured first-team regulars and had others obviously short of full fitness. More damaging, however, was the way they failed to match

Sheffield gained a first win

Kear, after heing sent on their

way by a swift and spectacular double strike from their French

winger, Jean-Marc Garcia,

share of long-range touchdowns

in its time, not least in the 1950s

when Brian Bevan reigned

supreme as the game's most legendary try-scorer. Few can have

measured further than the one

with which Garcia put the Ea-

gles into a lead they were nev-

Warrington were ahead

through a try from their young

wingman, Paul Wingfield, when

Nick Pinkney fielded a kick

from Paul Sculthorpe behind

the Sheffield try-line. He ran vir-

tually the width of the pitch be-

fore straightening up and

heading downfield to cross half-

way, only to he wrapped up by

Wilderspool has seeo its

writes Dave Hadfield.

er to lose vesterday.

Warrington Sheffield Eagles

That, in their fourth match without a win since they won the ing as their first, Neil Cowie and Challenge Cup, was as clear a difference between the sides as the points on the scorehoard.

The last thing you need when life is starting to turn sour on you is to be hammered by a flash of instinctive hrilliance 45 seconds into a match already fraught with such dangers. That was what happened to Saints when Robinson took a pass from Farrell apparently hemmed in by three tacklers. He beat the lot of them and turned two more inside out on his way to the try-line.

If the teour of a game can be set in 45 seconds, then this was it. Within six minutes, Tony Smith had surged through a gap to score and then Mick Cassidy and Nigel Wright combined beautifully to send Robinson in

though he might complete themarathon single-handed. In-

through for his second.

stead. Garcia arrived to cover

On the stroke of half-time.

took a ball cleverly

Sheffield supreme

Wigan's attitude and appetite. for his second. Wigan's fourth Farrell both handling magnifi-ceotly before Andy Johnsoo kicked through precisely for

Saints' supporters, for whom Wemhley must now seem a terstarting to drift out of Knowsley Road before two tries shortly hefore half-time rubbed their noses in the dust of the cluh's amhitions to retain the Super League title.

Farrell raced away for the first of them direct from a scrum and then his gloriously executed kick gave Johnson so much space that he could afford to slow down and wait for the ball to reach him.

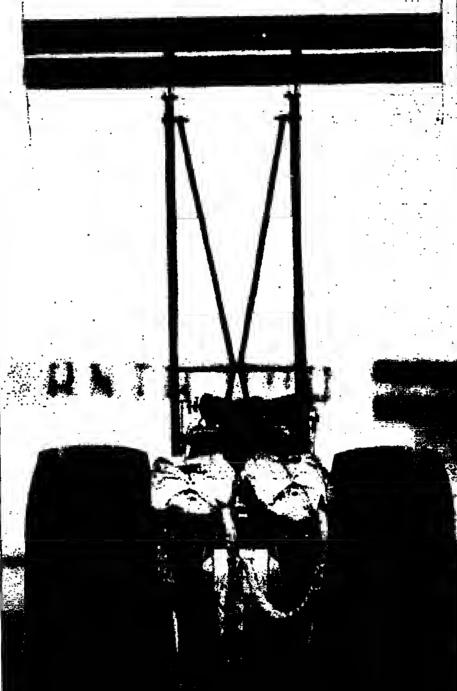
It surely could not get much worse for Saints, but it did when Cowie's elever off-load and Henry Paul's break gave Robinson his hat-trick.

Tries were coming from everywhere, but Robinson's personal contribution empha-sised what a loss he will be if Wigan cannot find a way of the last stage of a 150-yard epic. keeping him when his contract expires; he is due to join an as

flicked on hy Keith Senior, at the end of June. kicked ahead aod strolled It was exhibition stuff by Wigan as the hall went through In the second half, some woeeight pairs of hands for Simon fully weak and indecisive tackling Haughton to become the next allowed Danny McAllister, to touch down. A brief slack-Whetu Taewa, twice, and Johnening in their effort allowed the ny Lawless to carve their way through for further Sheffield Saints' substitute, Andy Leathem, and Anthony Sullivan to tries, while Mark Aston finished score token efforts for the home with seven goals to show for a typside, but Haughton soon reically accurate kicking display. sumed the ritual humiliation Warrington had the meagre

consolation of an effort from Super League's leading trymaster class hy setting up tries for Gary Connolly and Kris scorer, Nigel Vagana, when he latched on to Kelly Shelford's pass during one of their few co-Radlinski, completing his tally of 10 goals and a drop goal in herent phases of rugby. the process.

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All fired up: The start of the the Top Alcohol class at the FIA European Professional Drag Racing Championships at Santa Pod Raceway, Bedfordshire, yesterday. The cars cover the quarter-mile strip in just over six seconds Photograph: Peter Jay

with another rampaging effort. Farrell then concluded his

Wigan: Paul, Robinson, Connolly, Radins Johnson, Winght, Smith, Conte, Hall, Hanse Haughton, Cassidy, Farrell, Substitute used: Cardiss, Lester, Tallec, Holgate. ee: S Presiev (Castleford).

Lee Penny when he looked as RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

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TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of success leagua and cup doubles achieved by the Georgian champions Dynamo Tbilisi, who won their country's Cup final yesterday. They have won the league every year since its inception in 1990.

Kent chance for revenge

Cricket

Keot and Warwickshire recew hostilities today in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final at Canterbury, where the hosts are still harbouring a grudge over a controversial result at the same stage of the same competition three years ago. When the two sides met in

1994, Kent complained formally to the Test and County Cricket Board about the failure to properly protect the Edg-haston pitch in a rain-affected tie. Play was washed out on both days available, but the "Brumbrella", a huge tarpaulin cover, was not used, in an attempt to counteract fungus fuserium. The match was decided by a bowl-out in the indoor cricket book in their favour, winning school which Warwickshire won and, to make matters worse for the sides. Keot, they went on to lift the tro-

phy at Lord's eight weeks later. Today Kent will have to manage without Dean Headley, who has a back strain which flared up during England's first Texaco Trophy match at Headingley last Thursday. Essex will put themselves on

the alert for the Hollioake brothers. Adam and Ben, after their heroics in the Texaco Trophy matches. Adam in particular will have sharpened his reflexes for the Chelmsford tie after hining the winning runs in each of the three games against Australia. At least Essex, fired up again by their Australian import Stuart Law, have the form

five of the six matches between

The county champions, Leicestershire may include two spinners, Adrian Pierson and Matthew Brimson, against Somerset at Grace Road, Somerset have added batsman Piran Holloway and spinner Harvey Trump to their squad following heavy defeats by Yorkshire in both the Championship and the Sunday League.

The Texaco Trophy man of the match at Lord's. Darren Gough, will probably pose the higgest threat to Northamp-tonshire at Headingley. Yorkshire expect to he at full strength, with Chris Silverwood also returning from Eng-

Villeneuve drives up market value

Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Barcelona

Jacques Villeneuve, newly restored to the top of the Formula One drivers' championship, heads for his home grand prix in Canada next mooth pursued by the customary uncertainty over the future of any Williams-Renault driver on course for the

Williams have made a habit of splitting with their champions, Nelson Piquet. Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost and Damon Hill all parting with their CVs enhanced. Now. despite claims that the team have an option on Villeneuve's services for next year, it appears his contract is far from settled and he might join the distinguished exodus. Villeneuve, who regained the

lead in the championship with victory in Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix here, is involved in negotiations with Williams, who are, depending on your view, admirably restrained or foolishly mean when it comes to pay deals. Villeneuve is said to be seeking an increase next year from £3m to £6m. If Williams are not prepared to satisfy him. others probably are.

Villeneuve's manager, Craig Pollock, said: "Jacques is free to leave Williams if he wants. I don't want to name specific teams, but I am oware of many

being interested in Jacques." After Michael Schumacher, Villeneuve is the most sought-after driver in Fl. Links with Benetton-Renault were assumed when he was seen talking to the team's managing director, Flavio Briatore, and other theories point to a possible move to Mc-

Laren-Mercedes. Stronger still is the French connection with Prost. Villeneuve fills the requirements of a leam leader the four-times world champion is seeking for the organisation formerly known as Ligier. Villeneuve, a French Canadian, might be awaited developments on the lured by the challenge as well, of course, as his share of the ad-

ditional sponsorship money his name and stature would doubtless attract. Pollock has personal husiness relations with Prost.

Still on the back-burner is the prospect of a new team built around the 26-year-old, which may or may not eventually come to the boil.

If Williams again find themselves with a vacancy, there would be no shortage of appli-cations for the job. Keke Rosberg, another of their former champions, is said to be eager to move his driver, Mika Hakkmen, out of McLaren and, given FI's propensity for irony, Hill cannot be written out of the equation.

Mansell returned to the team to win his title and, as Williams will know, Hill has better credentials than most. After his anguish at Arrows-Yamaha, he may welcome the opportunity to make up with his former bosses. The Englishman parked his stricken car in front of Williams' pit-wall crew on Sunday. Per-

haps it was an omen. While Arrows' owner. Tom Walkinshaw, has summoned "crisis" meetings with Yamaha in an endeavour to improve performance and reliability, the signs for Villeneuve in the championship are again pointing to prosperity. He will be the favourite lo win the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal and come back to Europe with a firmer hold on the title.

This is traditionally a strong sector of the season for Williams, and their other driver. Heinz-Harald Frentzen, will hope that indicates a change of fortune for him. Apart from his maiden victory at Imola, the campaign has brought him only

He still has a chance to figure in the championship contest. especially as the season will probably be extended to 18 races to accommodate the reinstatement of Portugal. Whether Schumacher can maintain his challenge depends on the effectiveness of the long-Ferrari. Even he could not steer

Menu the master

GWYN DOLPHIN

reports from Oulton Park

There were first-coroer accidents, collisions and incidents but, at the end of the ninth and 10th rounds of the British Touring Car Champiouship at this Cheshire course, Alain Menu

again emerged on top.

The Williams-Renault driver started each of the day's races from pole position, but it was his team-mate, Jason Plato, who led the field into the first corner of round nice. The reigning champion, Frank Biela. was hard on his heels until Menu forced his way past the new lightweight Audi and then chased down Plato's car. Even though an organisational error

saw the chequered flag bung out a lap too late, causing consternation lower down the field. Meou held oo to win.

His second victory was a lot easier, thanks to a first-corner tangle which led to the elimination of Honda's Gabriele Tarquini. The Italian went side by-side into the first turn with Meou just as John Binteliffe. with a sensational start, put his Audi up there as well.

Three into one did not work and Tarquini spuo across the pack, scattering the field in avoidance. Several cars were delayed but the incident allowed Menu to make good his escape, scoring his seventh win of the season and extending his championship lead.

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ON SATURDAY IT WAS THEM.

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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Leicester secure services of two Fijians

Rugby Union

The promise of a more expansive game from Leicester next season was heightened vesterday when they signed two Fijian internationals, Waisale Serevi and Marika Vunibaka. Both have played notable

at Sevens. Serevi. 29. captained against Argeotina A today. The Fiji to victory in the Hoog Kong World Sevens in March, six players starting their first against Buenos Aires. nament. Marka Vunibaka, 22, was the tournament's top tryscorer with 12, including four in four minutes in the semi-final win over Western Samoa.

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scoring 117 points in the tour... game of the tour. Northampton centre Mntt Alleo, Harlequins wing Daren O'Leary and Coventry second-row forward Danny Grewcock come in for the first time; while Gloucester The Saracens captain Tony full-back Mark Mapletoft, Sele

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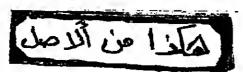
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Hoddle to make most of the promise of youth

GLENN MOORE

The England squad met up at Bisham Abbey last night after a weekend with their families and began preparing for Saturday's World Cup tie in Poland.

Although Jamie Redknapp was missing, Paul Gascoigne limping and Tony Adams and Darren Eadie also carrying knocks, Glenn Hoddle's mood was positive as he surveyed the many youthful faces around him.

In the aftermath of Saturday's 2-1 win over South Africa, Hoddle yesterday admitted that it young players but Terry Venwas the promise of youth which ables had already capped Sol United can make, with Phil

post of England coach. Hoddle may have brought back Ian Wright and Martin

Keown, but the general trend of his reign is to back young play-ers. On Saturday, Paul Scholes became Hoddle's fifth debutant following David Beekham, Andy Lingholist, David Jones Andy Hinchcliffe, David James and Nicky Butt. Only Hinchcliffe does not come into the category of young buck, and he was called up through injuries to do a specific joh aod played well enough to retain his place un-til being injured himself.

There would have been more

persuaded him to accept the Campbell, Robbic Fowler, Phil and Gary Neville, Nick Barmby and Redknapp, all of whom

are 23 or under. 'I did look at what was coming through," Hoddle said, "and I felt there was not just a oumber of emerging players but an underbelly as well. In the under-21s and further down there is some good talent.

them aquainted with interna-tional football, which is why matches like South Africa are so important, they are part of building the future."

"It is a matter of getting

Saturday's match underlined the contribution Manchester

Scholes all playing. There is a bright future for these United players," Hoddle added. "They all have talent and when they are 24 or 25 years old they will have heads of 29, 30-year-olds because of the experience they are get-ting in the Champions' League

and in international football.

This is something we have lacked. When Liverpool had their super, super side, they were all men who were mature players - and not many of them were English. Scholes did very well. He showed a lot of maturity. There was a lovely ball into Wright and a lovely flick for the goal. He has got a bright future."

there all his life, he looked very comfortable." Phil Neville said of Scholes. He added that he was not surprised Scholes had said he was not nervous because: "Everything we do at United prepares you for this. It is done in steps, from youth team to reserve team to first

team to internationals. "Things that Nobby Stiles told me at 11 were not just to prepare me for then, but for now too. They don't say at the time: You'll make it'. They look back aod say they always thought we might. The message theo was that we had to work hard and we might make it. Brian Kidd used to say we had to improve a little hit every year - if we did we might make it."

Hoddle also seems bereft of nerves and he added: "The pressure of the job is perceived more by people outside. I was probably guilty of that as a club manager. I wondered who would actually want that sort of

"But when you actually do it yourself you don't look at it that way. You have to cocoon yourself away, not get distracted and oot let anything distract you from your beliefs."

Looking ahead to oext week, he said: "If Poland are to have any chance of qualifying second favours us. They like to keep it tight with man-for-man marking, but they will have to open

it up at some stage."
Gascoigne is rated as having a 50-50 chance of playing. Adams, who has a knee prob-lem, 40-60. England will train at Bisham today and tomorrow before flying from Lutoo on Thursday afternoon.

Following the loss of the striker Marek Citko with a snapped Achilles tendon, Po-land have suffered a second injury setback after their defender Pavel Wojtala underwent a cartilage operatioo last week. He will miss Saturday's game.

Sullivan No 1 for new-look **Scotland**

DAVID MCKINNEY

Craig Brown will give the Scotland supporters a glimose of the future at Rugby Park tonight by including several new faces for

the frieodly with Wales.

Neil Sullivan, the cockney goalkeeper from Wimbledoo, will make his international dehut after establishing his credentials at the end of last year

through a Scottish grandparcot. He is seen by Brown as an intermediary between the established pair of Jim Leighton and Andy Goram, filling the gap between those experienced performers and the younger pretenders to the No I jersey.

"I have to concede to our goalkeeping coach Alan Hod-gkinsoo in this matter and he's convinced Neil has what it takes to be a success at international level." Brown said. He is a very capable goalkeeper in whom we have every confidence."

The coach also has confidence in a fledgling central de-fence. Brian McAllister. another Wimbledon player, is capable of looking after himself at the top level, while Brown is coovinced a season playing for Derby County has given Christian Dailly the necessary steel to step up from a promising Under-21 career.

The final oew face is that of David Weir, the Hearts defender whose performances this season have attracted the interest of Rangers among others.

However bold the changes might appear, Brown has had his hand forced with the absence of Colin Calderwood and Colin Hendry, both of whom are undergoing surgery, while Alan McLaren, the Rangers defeoder, is injured.

The new defence will face a testing time against a Welsh front pairing of John Hartsoo and Dean Saunders. It is a test Brown hopes will allow him to judge his new defensive set-up.

In an unusual step the team was oamed yesterday and coosists of Sullivan, Weir, Boyd, Dailly, Brian McAllister, Tosh McKinlay, Gallacher, Gemmill, Jackson, Gary McAllister and

The Rangers pair of Gordon Durie and Ally McCoist are both doubtful for the matches against Malta and then Belarus after picking up injuries in DIT BLOMB U cated he is happy to risk further injury by playing two friendlies before the crucial World Cup tie in Belarus oo 8 June.

"That is the risk we have to take, because it is more important to have the players ready to play at international standard for the World Cup tie."

Rusedski going green after Norman conquest

Tennis

rives up

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Roland Garros

Greg Rusedski will be among the first of the international set to settle his feet on the grass courts of England following his

round of the French Open in Paris yesterday. It is fifth time that the Canadian-born Briton has hidden adieu after the first rouod of a Grand Slam tournament in his seven major championships since advanciog to the fourth round at Wimhledoo oo his dehut uoder the Unioo Jack in 1995. But at least there is scope for optimism in the weeks

For ooe thing, the British No 2 showed admirable resilience in retrieving a two-set deficit before losing to Sweden's Magnus Norman 9-7 io the fifth set. For another thing, Rusedski said he did oot feel eveo a twinge from his rehabilitating left wrist after more than three hours of claycourt tennis involving longer points than on the faster sur-

It was only a pity that Rusedski was unable to impose his will oo Norman sooner, and that he failed to complete a remarkable comeback from 3-5 in the final set. The match started at 11.10am, but Rusedski did not make his presence felt until the afternoon. "I was too tentative in the beginning," he said.

Norman, who first betraved signs of edginess after disputing a line call in the opening game of the third set, appeared to be ready to crumble after doublefaulting oo his first match point 3 at 5-3, 40-30. He then lost successive rallies as Rusedski lev-

elled at 5-5. The Swede had steadied him-

self by the time Rusedski served at 7-8, a backhand over the haseline leaving the Briton facing two more match points. He saved the first with a serve and backhand volley, but could only play a defensive backhand volley wide when Norman drove the ball to secure victory, 6-3,

elimination in the opening 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 9-7. Rusedski returns to Loodoo today to practise on the lawns at Queco's Club. He is considering entering oext week's Surrey Grass Courts Championships at Surbiton before competing in the Stella Artois tournameot at Queen's and completing his preparation for Wimhledoo at the Nottingham

> Tim Henman, the only other Britoo in the singles here, plays his opening round today agaiost Olivier Delaitre, of

ed that he and Henman form a 1994, who retired with cramp in doubles partnership. There are two spaces at the moment. Henman's coach, David Felgate, waots him to forgo doubles for the time being in order to rest his right elbow, and Henman already has a partner, the Dutchman Jan Siemetink,

Pete Sampras, the world No I, was expected to struggle in his opening match against Fabrice Santoro. The Frenchman had won their two previous meetings oo clay, and Sampras arrived here with a thigh strain. It did oot appear to hamper the American yesterday. He won 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the de-fending champion, also made a comfortable start, defeating Martin Damm of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-4, 6-1. But Spain lost Alberto Berasategui, the France. Rusedski has suggest- 12th seed and runner-up in

FRENCH OPEN RESULTS

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Thomas Muster, the 1995 champion, seemed to be on his way out against Germany's

against Andrei Medvedev.

Marc Goellner, who led 4-2 in the final set. From this point the Austrian No 5 seed began to impose his will on the situation. and Goellner was unable to cope. Muster advanced, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4.

his legs at I-I in the fifth set

The 16-year-old Venus Williams was the focal point of the women's programme, making her entrance on Court No 1 in a shiny silver outfit, her hair a mass of white beads. The American woo her first contest in a Grand Slam tournament, defeating Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

It was a minor epic, fought over two hours and 39 minutes. There were 17 hreaks of serve, and Williams was 3-I down in the third set. Characteristically, she did not bother to sit down during the changeovers until the match had been in progress for 50 minutes, by which time Sawamatsu was leading 3-0 in the secood set.

The tall, athletic Williams worked her way out of trouble, which would have pleased her father/coach, Richard, who has remained in America. "He said he wasn't going to start a second career as a parent in the stands, his head going this way and that way, watching the ball," Veous explained. She is travelling with her

mother, and aiready has pla to make a visual impact at Wimbledon, "I had to do my hair over, and I decided oot to put the hine and red beads back with the white ones until the US Open," she said. "Aren't the Wimbledon colours green and purple? I'm cootemplating green and purple."



Venus Williams makes an instant impact on the French Open yesterday Photograph: Allsport

Cipollini gets timing right

Mario Cipollini equalled his personal record of four stage Cipollini the 10th most sucwins in the Giro d'Italia wheo he took the 10th stage by just centimetres from a fast-finishing Endrio Leoni and Fabio Baldato to complete an Italian top-three finish yesterday.

Pavel Tonkov finished in the following group of 140, with the Russian maintaining his overall lead of 41 seconds over Luc Leblanc of France. "This victory had more val-

ue because I no longer have the assistance of Gian Matteo Fagnini and Mario Scirea," Cipollini said. Fagnini, eliminated for dangerous riding, and Scirea, who retired through injury, were key workers for the Ilalian in massed finishes.

"I hope to score No 5 at Cuto win at Camaiore, hecause that is close to my home,"

Cipollini said. Victory in tomorrow's circuit race at the Tyrrhenian resort would make cessful stage winner in the Giro's 80 years.

Cipollini and other leading riders can afford to be geoerous, but in Sunday's stage their charitable efforts were checked by Giro organisers. The riders allowed Spain's Jose Vidal to win a sprint worth 10m lire (£3,700), dooated by the sponsoring newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport.

Officials were not impressed and annulled the result, donating the cash to an association of former professionals.

"It is a pity and I am sorry about it because we decided to help the smaller teams win something," Cipollini said.
After yesterday's stage from oeo on Friday, but I would like Castrovillari, the 158 riders were flying north for today's official rest day at Camaiore.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES Football

Rugby Union TOUR MATCH
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Regan and Williams stir Lions blood with fracas

Rugby Union

CHRIS HEWETT reports from East London



Who said the ninetynine call was dead and buried? The principle hehind Willie John McBride's famous "one in, all in" strategy circa 1974 was that the Lions

should vent their collective spleen on their South African opponents, but on the evidence of yesterday's savage training session here, the 1997 vintage are just as happy to knock seven bells out of each other.

After an unexpectedly conciliatory opening match in Port Elizabeth at the weekend, the Lions' forwards decided to ginger it up themselves as they prepared for tomorrow afternoon's fixture with Border. The instigators of the rough stuff were the rival hookers, Mark Regan of England and Barry Williams of Wales. neither of whom appeared much interested in reasoned argument as push came to shove in a live scrummaging session. After two flare-ups and one collapsed scrum that might easily have resulted in half a dozen no more significant than the Regan-

broken necks, Rob Wainwright, to-morrow's captain in the continued absence of Martin Johnson, called a halt to the shenanigans with a few well-chosen words.

Both protagonists dismissed the incident — "It happens in club training most weeks, so there's nothing to get in a sweat about," Regan said—while Fran Cotton, the tour manager, praised Wainwright for his sensible approach. "When you get a scrummaging session as ferocious as that. tensions run high," he said. "There is a lot of personal pride amongst the players and you get the occasional in-cident, but Rob dealt with it as every good captain should and as long as it

all stays on the training field, fine."
Cotton should know. As an England and Lions prop of considerable repute and no little notoriety, he indulged in the odd hout of training session fisticuffs, notably with Phil Blakeway on the Lions tour of Springbok land 17 years ago. "At least it shows they care," he smiled as Wainwright set about soothing the troubled waters.

According to the hierarchy, the decision to keep Johnson's powder dry for the second successive match was



Fellow Lions try to separate Mark Regan and Barry Williams yesterday

Williams sparring match. "He'd rather play because he's that sort of bloke, but it was always agreed between ourselves that he would start his tour against Western Province in Cape Town on Saturday," Cotton insisted. "Martin played hig games for Leicester until the very last weekend a groin condition that requires

of the season, so we wanted to give in the hig games. He'll lead the side at Newlands, as planned."

There are, bowever, lingering concerns over the precise state of the captain's fitness. He is struggling with

surgery sooner rather than later - he will almost certainly go under the knife on his return to England in July and it is possible that he will make only six appearances in South Africa. Doddie Weir, who performed so impressively against Kobus Wiese at

the front of the line-out on Saturday.

though Tony Underwood, the Newcastle wing, and Jeremy Davidson, the Irish lock, also face Border after hrief spells as substitutes against Eastern Province. Once again, the selectors have hased their line-up on well-established partnerships. Tim Stimpson, John Bentley and Underwood resume the back three axis familiar to Geordie supporters, Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman renew the centre partnership that worked so smoothly for Wales during the Five Nations while Eric Miller and Neil Back bring a strong Leicester flavour to the loose forward unit, and Miller will also have a club-mate, Austin Healey, in situ at the base of the scrummage.

lujury hassles remain at a minimum, although Tom Smith, the Scottish prop, sat out yesterday's session with a neck strain, and Tim Rodher made an early exit to have five stitches inserted in his right eyelid. You can't imagine how reassuring it is to have a full complement of players fit and available in the second week of a hard tour," said Cotton, well aware that on three of the last four Lions' trips, the Emergency Ward Ten routine was in overdrive

is the only player asked to turn out for a second full stint tomorrow, althis season, will be spearheaded by their high-class full-back, Russel Bennett, a sharp counter-attacker who played for the Springboks in An gentina and France in 1996. The have a useful performer at scrum-hal too, in the shape of John Bradbrook a former New Zealand Maoris cap tain and All Black trialist.

"Unlike Eastern Province, who were an under-rehearsed side with a lot of unfamiliar faces, Border will be a very cohesive unit," said Cote ton. "We'll have to play well to win because they are certain to raise their game. It's the biggest match of the season for them." For Regan, who plays tomorrow, and Williams, who sits on the bench once more, it is also a hig day; the chance to get physical with someone they are in no danger of having to share a room with

ger Of Cavilla to Startes and Engant; il BRITISH ISLES: 1 Stirmpson (Neucosste and Engant; il Bestley (Neucosste and Engant), A Bateman (Rethron and Wales), 5 Siluis (Sverrest and Wales), 1 Underwood (Neucosite and Engant); 7 Orayson (Northampton and Engand), A Healey (Lattesse and England); 6 Reserving Laucoste and England), N Regen (Ensat and England), D Young (Carolf and Wales), 6 Weir (Neucoste and Social land), 1 Devideon (London Isla) and Island), R Walescript (Wassonitzs and Social), 220, E Miller (Loiosste and Wassonitzs and Social), 220, E Miller (Loiosste and Wassonitzs and Social).

Hopkin's late hit has Palace glad all over

Football

MIKE ROWBOTTOM reports from Wembley Crystal Palace Sheffield United

The symmetry of Crystal Pal-ace's victory in yesterday's First Division play-off final was no doubt lost on the beaten side. However, for the red and blue contingent in a 64,383 crowd, it

was heautiful. Denied a place in the Premiership at the same stage last season when Steve Claridge scored for Leicester in the last seconds of extra time, Palace made it this from David Hopkin in the 90th minute of normal time.

United had less than 10 seconds to make amends. At the final whistle, the men in white dropped where they stood while their opponents formed a mad heap of jubilation which centred on the ginger head of their captain.

It was the 17th goal of the season for the 27-year-old midfielder, who may yet finish on an even higher note with his first Scottish cap, having been called into the squad for next week-

end's match against Malta. Hopkin is out of contract, and he will be having discussions soon with his chairman amid rumours that he may be moving on to Leeds United. Yesterday.

however, he was content to enjoy the moment, although he spared a thought for the 1997

"I know bow Sheffield United feel," he said. "It's just like us this time last year. Hopkin's inspired strike from

the edge of the box, after Carl Tiler had headed out a short corner crossed by Simon Rodger, decided a game that was - frankly - laboured.

Sheffield, deprived of the services of their most sparky performer, Don Hutchison - wbo dislocated his right shoulder in a fall a minute before half-time - failed to trouble the Palace keeper throughout. Perhaps their famous supporter in the stand, Sean Bean, After all, he did manage to score for them in the film When Saturday Comes.

The Londoners created what chances there were, but the first of them did not arrive until the 53rd minute, when Kevin Muscat's cross cleared David Holdsworth and gave Bruce Dver a clear shooting opportunity which he miscued.

Dyer nearly made amends with an overhead kick in the 82nd minute, hut as the ball landed in the side-netting it seemed Palace might have nothing to show for their efforts once again - until Hopkin transformed the occasion.

The result was a triumph for Palace's caretaker-manager,

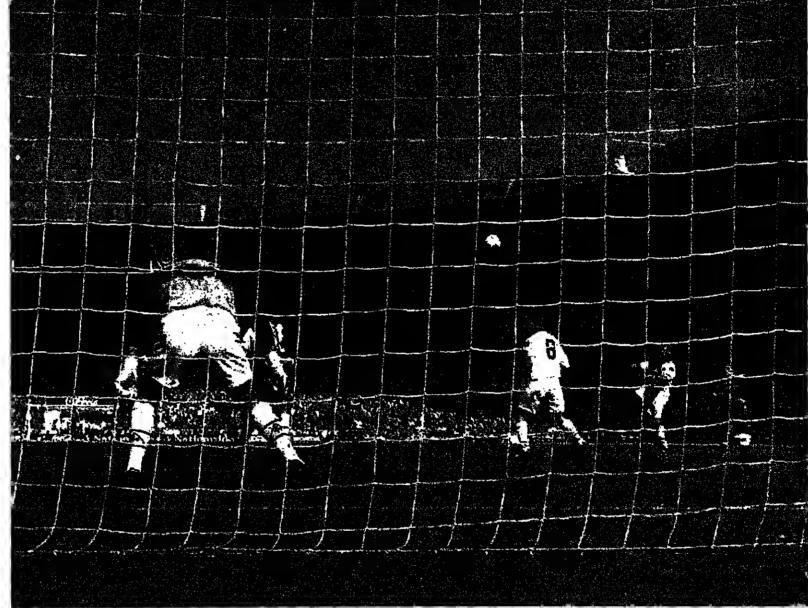
Steve Coppell, who took charge of the team for the second time in his career when Dave Bassett departed for Notting-ham Forest at the end of Feb-

Coppell was not with Palace for last season's disappointment, but he knows the scene, having heen in charge for the 1990 FA Cup final defeat by Manchester United.

"When the ball came out to David, someone behind my shoulder said: 'Oh no'!" Coppell said. "I don't know what it meant, not to shoot it, or not to cross it. The hall almost travelled like slow motion, the way it curled into the net. It was

"I looked at the Sheffield players coming off the pitch just now. Their world had caved in for the time being. That was what we had to suffer last season, and it was even crueller because it was after extra time. This week everyone was aware that they didn't want to go through that painful process

Thus Palace, who won the last of the two-legged play-off finals to reach the top flight eight years ago, were back in the division which they left two years ago. Like Blackburn, and then Leicester, they had followed defeat at this stage with victory. Coppell recalled the same kind of thing happening to him as a member of



David Hopkin (far right) shoots Crystal Palace into the Premiership with his last-minuite winner yesterday

Photograph: Darren Walsh/Action Images

the Manchester United team which lost the 1976 FA Cup final to Southampton and returned to beat Liverponl the

following year.
"I don't know what it is," be said. "It gives you that steel and determination. You want to go

Now we want to model ourselves on Leicester and what they have achieved in the last year.

United's manager, Howard Kendall, meanwhile, is taking Crystal Palace as his side's model. "We have to do what they have done," he said. For Palace, back and restore the damage. then, the wheel has turned full

circle - from victims to victim support in the space of a year. pport in the space of a year, stal Pales (3.5.2): Nash, Edwarth, Linah, Tuttle, Muscer, Hopkin, Roberts, Rod., Gordon, Der, Shippeney, Substituter t used, Houghton, McKerche, Vest. effekt United (4.4.2): Tracey, Holisworth, Nissert White, Nuteriland, Sandand, 44) achman, Ward, Whitehouse, Rochum (10)

Board blocks Evans' move for Sheringham

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to do it where we can," the

board said in its statement. "At

this stage it's as much about bot-

The statement added: "A fur-

ther priority is to explain the sit-

uation to our fans. No one here

is pretending that we have the

commercial resources of a Man-

chester United or the millionaire

benefactors of Middlesbrough or

Blackhurn Rovers. The board's

role is to improve our resources.

We can't spend what we don't

have, and we won't be serving

anyone if the club's financial po-

sition deteriorates to the point

of insolvency, as we have seen

The board said it was vitally

important that the club moved

tle as it is about millions."

ALAN NIXON

Roy Evans hopes to sign Teddy Sheringham to team up with Robbie Fowler in Liverpool's attack next season, but he is having difficulty selling the idea to the Antield board.

The Liverpool manager has told the board of his desire to spend a large chunk, probably £4m, of the £7m raised by the sale of Stan Collymore on bringing the England forward to the club hut, although he is sure Sheringham would be keen on the move, the Anfield board considers that, at 31, he is too old. What, it wonders, would be his resale value?

Liverpool would prefer Evans to find younger players and he could yet try to intercept Danny Murphy's move from Crowe to Newcastle. There is also interest in the Monaco midfielder Ali Benarbia, while Leicester's Emile Heskey may he a younger alter-native to Sheringham.

Southampton have assured any potential managerial candidates after the departure of Graeme Souness, who resigned on Saturday along with the club's director of football, Lawrie McMenemy, that cash is available to strengthen the side for next season. Souness had asked for £7m to finance said, would "dramatically

summer spendings, but he had his request rejected. change our financial position. Meanwhile, we do have funds Some fans were angered by to spend on the team. The supthe club allowing Souncss to porters should know that and so walk out after steering the club should the incoming manager."

The board also expressed conclear of relegation, hut the cern over "damaging things" that had been said. "We must board issued a statement yesterday saying that it was safequarding the cluh's financial move quickly to repair that damfuture while still providing funds for the next manager. age over the summer," the board said. "The club deserves no less The club also said current and the board believes it can deplayers deserved credit for their liver what the fans want most: a ability and commitment. "We're united and motivated group of sure we can attract similar team individuals capable of footballing players to this club in the future and financial success."

Manchester City's lucrative new deal for their Georgian international midfielder, Georgi Kinkladze, is already paying off. City have been taking more than £20,000 a day in new season ticket sales since Kinkladze signed a new three-year deal nine days ago.

The club's chairman, Francis Lee, who personally conducted the negotiations with Kinkladze. said: "We are all absolutely delighted Georgi's staying with us,"

Colin Harvey, who has been working as No 2 at Burnley, is staff have left.

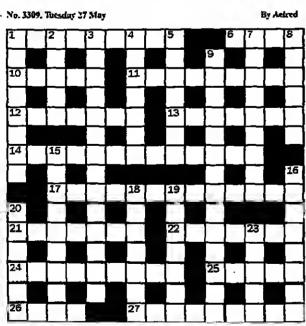
making a surprise return to Everton. Harvey's former role at the club, that of manager, is vacant, but he is being brought in to develop the youth side of the club. However, he will be the to a new stadium. A move, it senior coach - as the rest of the



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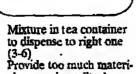
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- ACROSS frish will get same backing on board which makes one tetchy (9)
- on the keys? (4) Not inclined to write lines about first lady (5) Perhaps not made noble. indeed not rated at all?
- 12 Deception is small and saves energy (7)
- 13 Insult a fellow to his face? (7)
- Might fast food he served here for diner? (10.31 Showing off scholarship
- lo one's master (13) Act hadly - hard lines it's terminal (7) Criticise article on queen

which is catty? (7)

- There's wind in this lum- 7 hering carthorse (9) Finally timeless mountains (5) Old Manx cat or a kitten 26 Matt is epitomised by
 - ditchwater (4) Against putting beef in can, which prevents poi-
 - Endless mistreatment by old railway apparent (8) Clergyman puts on up-per-class English show
 - They support the tradi-tional method of sending 20 messages (9,5) British lechers hluff (7) Fix Annie's wanderings to include Switzerland
- al, swamping editor's
- church (9)
 One male priest is working in jail? (8)
 Strong drink? (4,3) In afternoon divides up something to eat: sailors might need it (7)
 - Agreement to produce type of electric flex (6) Man reportedly heats the



calm (6)
One deals with the better sort of racegoer? (4.10) Not believing plastic could be used round

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